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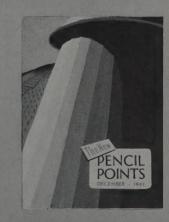
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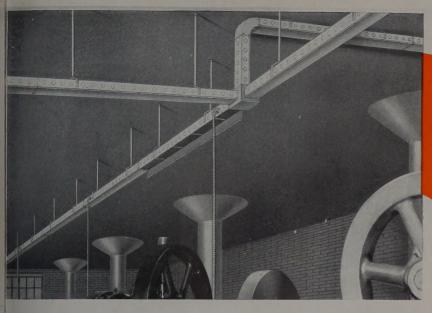
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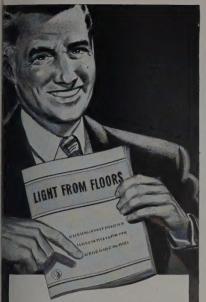
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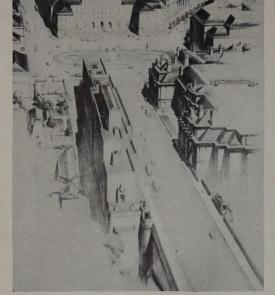
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BELOW, Sir Edwin Lutyens (left) and Sir Charles Bressey before a map of London, red as they envision it. LEFT, sketch of proposed Waterloo Bridge "traffic circus" at the



On October 13th, news dispatches outlined plans for rebuilding London after the war. The scheme, prepared at the direction of the Royal Academy, was the work of Sir Edwin Lutyens, noted architect, and Sir Charles Bressey, regional planner. A day or so later, photographs, including those shown here, arrived by transatlantic plane.

The transportation of pictures of such monuments via the latest, most exciting manifestation of technological advance furnishes a nice example of incongruity in which, perhaps, lies the most fitting comment on the entire scheme's value.

For while the plans pay lip service to all the clichés of modern urban planning, they blithely ignore fundamental realities. There would be, if the scheme were to be adopted, parks and playgrounds in London's slums, and spacious vistas around St. Paul's Cathedral and other monuments to a dead past. The Academy must have felt that something had to be done about traffic; a circumferential high-speed highway would link railroad stations, some of which would have to be moved. All rail lines inside the ring would be electrified and underground.

But as for modernizing the city, or removing the causes of the blight which shrouded it before the blitz — well, the dispatches say it is not to be "stream-lined," whatever that may mean; nor is it to be rebuilt in the likeness of Manhattan, nor is the charm of dirty medievalism to be retained.

These are worthy objectives. The reports to date give no hint of understanding the basic problems involved, of providing (either in the manner of laying out the plan or in suggesting legal instruments for implementing it) the controls which alone could direct the city's growth into desirable channels. And the fact that the photographs — of which those shown here are fair samples — depict block after block of arcades, arches, columns, and other trappings of monumental architecture makes one believe that the scheme as a whole suffers from a conception of London as a monument.

City planning can not be monumental per se and be successful. The imposition of grandeur upon sprawling London can fail there as successfully as it has elsewhere. If it is to achieve a healthy, continuing existence, a city plan has to be alive, to recognize and turn to its own purposes the economic, social, and aesthetic forces which, if unprovided for, can in time wreck even legislative controls.

Of course, as this is written, the full story has not appeared in the press. Perhaps impressions of the Academy scheme are erroneous; news accounts notoriously stress drama rather than fact. Nevertheless it seems fortunate that the scheme apparently has no official status—though here again, news reports may give an inaccurate impression.

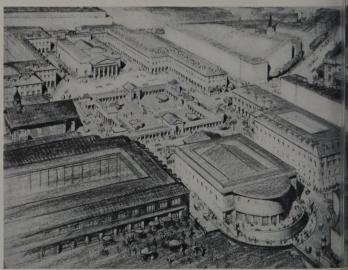
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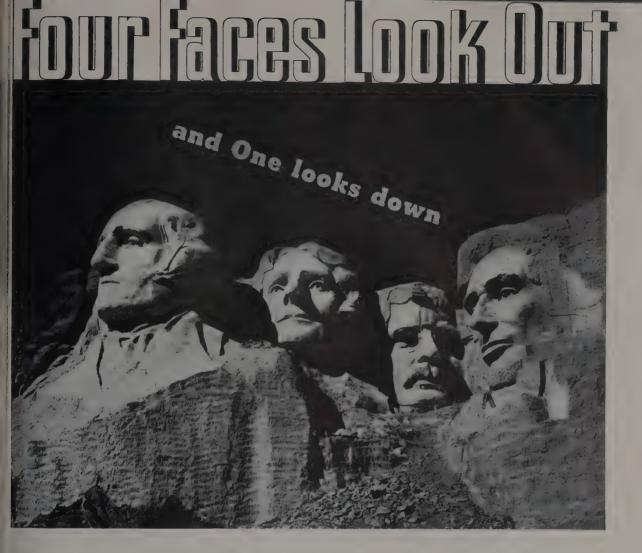
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I can't help but feel that you would have much preferred to award the first prize to an architect, and I think it is indeed commendable that, when you found an advertising man was the winner, you resisted the temptation to change your minds. I will put that bond away with some others in the safe deposit box and will most likely use it to help educate my son who will probably turn out to be an advertising man or an architect because of it.

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#### **Bright Idea**

William B. Bartlett, Jr. was one of the 26 contestants who suggested the name PLAN for the NEW PENCIL POINTS as it is now being published. This is the first time that I have ever crawled out of my shell for an advertised contest. I did so simply because the solution to the problem seemed to be so completely obvious. Because none of that august body had been so moved, I played with the idea that perhaps I had stumbled upon a Bright Idea, or something. Therefore it was somewhat shattering to my ego to be told that twenty-five others had also felt the nudge of genius!

It would be interesting to know how many of the winning contestants were not architects or draftsmen. I am an instructor of history in a boys' boarding school. My interest in architecture is a kind of academic hobby, for which reason Thomas Jefferson is rather a personal idol. My Master's thesis in American history concerned the growth and westward movement of domestic architectural design from the Revolution to the Civil War. Once in a while I play with a drafting board in a very amateurish way. At the moment my interests are centered upon small, individually-designed houses that

will appeal to professional people, and others of like tastes, in the postwar era—arbitrarily costing approximately five to ten thousand dollars, and appropriately furnished to the exclusion of those items that reflect the owner's personality and artistic leanings. I hope that PLAN will devote some of its pages to such a program.

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#### Shape of Things to Come?

I notice that since the government priorities have cut off our fabulous income (derived from one FHA cottage per year and a bay window) it has become fashionable to conjure up here-afters. During previous cessations of abnormal business it has been my wont to settle back on an old crate of cyma reversas with my feet on the hardware section of Sweet's catalogue and thus enjoy large quantities of inaction accompanied by the rhythmic drone of some stray New Jersey mosquitoes. Now, however, following the style, I have had installed, at considerable expense, a "glassy stare" and sit for days on end probing the future cloudless skies where freight travels by air and the contour of women's hats is controlled by law.

The reaction after my first seance is that our profession has been somewhat impractical in this matter of broad-scale planning. Instead of all this loose talk about the under-housed and over-fed, why not consider some really practical project like moving all the cities in the country so they line up with the radial street system of Washington, D. C. My preliminary survey shows, for instance, that "F" street would pass somewhere between St. Louis and Peoria, making it necessary to move both of them. Pennsylvania Avenue runs a hundred miles north of Chicago which makes a particularly fine project since an island would have to be built in Lake Michigan before the city could be moved. San Francisco falls near nothing at all and that is really a blessing because all those people really should be moved out of that damp, cold climate. Some of them think they like it, but they have been doped by real estate interests.

I am not quite sure how much such a Federal project would cost but it would be worth it because Congressmen would have to travel a straight path and come right home from work.

LAWRENCE A. ENERSEN, Department of Architecture, Harvard University



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A section of a prefabricated house is one of the features in the Brooklyn Museum (Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y.) exhibition, "Inventions for Victory," which was opened on October 30, and will run until January 3. Since prefabricated housing and minimum expense furnishings may have great postwar possibilities, the Museum has devoted a prominent place in the exhibition to this section.

The house (two half rooms of which are shown) is created from panels weighing 128 pounds per panel. All panels, either window, door, or flat wall surfaces, are interchangeble in their structural entities in and of themselves. Innumerable types of houses may be designed from the twenty types of panels. The house is demountable and may be disassembled and re-erected without loss or injury to the structural units. If it is to be erected as a permanent house, the joints are glued with waterproof resin glue. The house may be made to conform to any standard plan and can be finished with gable or flat roof.

The exhibition also shows new materials and new uses of familiar materials, resulting from the exigencies of wartime production, in the fields of architecture, house furnishings and equipment, textiles, clothing, accessories.

Though some of the materials are now procurable by civilians, the show is primarily a forecast of what civilians may expect of production after the war, and not an exhibition of "war babies" for current use. The majority of the exhibits are finished products, based upon research which has been expedited to meet wartime requirements. A few others are shown as examples of work now in progress.

#### **PERSONALS**

Gaetano Cecere, sculptor, and former director of the sculpture department of the Beaux Arts Institute of Design, New York, has been appointed instructor in the sculpture classes at the School of Fine Arts, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., for the coming winter session. The Beaux Arts sculpture classes have been closed for the duration.

John P. Thomas, Architect, 27 West St., Portland, Maine, who has been in the Navy on active duty since May, 1941, has closed his offices for the duration.



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# PRODUCTS PROGRESS

(The columns of this section are open to any manufacturer who has a new product of interest to the architectura profession. Manufacturers who wish to have their product shown should send a glossy photograph, together with information covering the function, characteristics, installation, cost of the product, and a description of what A.I.A. literature is available.)

#### PORTABLE GLASS BLOCK WALL Owens-Illinois, Toledo, Ohio



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# PLASTIC-FINISHED PANELS Marsh Wall Products, Dover, Ohio.



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## FIRE RETARDANT Albi Co., 9 Park Place, New York.



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fire retardant properties indefinitely when not exposed to weather. Photo shows, after 2½ minutes, Firepel action on panel ignited by 3-lb. incendiary. Panel was scorched over half its area, but ignition did not occur.

# SWITCHES FOR MARINE USE Square D Co., Detroit, Mich.



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# WOOD ROLLING DOOR Kinnear Mfg. Co., Columbus, Ohio



This wood rolling door in corporates the same up-ward - operating principle used in the firm's steel rolling doors. Wood slats are jointed together by means of me-

tal tapes or cables. The door travels in heavily-constructed wood guides, and coils overhead upon a barrel in which are helical springs for counterbalancing. Operation: manual, chain and reduction gearing, or motor.

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—That Army construction, which alone has totaled \$9,000,000,000 between August, 1940, and September, 1942, is almost through. However there will be some additional housing and air field construction, perhaps a few additional factories, and miscellaneous items.

—That an interior paint which can be packed as a dehydrated product, in cardboard, has just been developed.

—That price regulations for the construction industry have met stiff opposition, or they would have been issued on the scheduled date—around October 1. Apparently strong union pressure for acceptance of July labor rates as against March material prices is one difficulty.

—That even though Congress has just authorized \$600,000,-000 worth of war housing, the lumber shortage may curtail it.

—That the efficiency with which welding has been employed to repair damaged heavy equipment—an ineviable result of war emphasis on speed—may help to impress on those who build after the war the value of welding for building construction.

—That a Western Union boy delivering a message in Washington's new Pentagon Building got lost in its 72 miles of corridors; when he emerged he was a Lt. Colonel, Ordnance.

—That fuel oil rationing is going to create a lot of amateur air conditioning experts and heating engineers. Even the rationing boards cannot always comprehend the complex rationing formula.

#### **CHAMBERLAIN IN ARMY**

Samuel Chamberlain, noted architectural photographer and delineator, is now a Captain in the United States Army Air Force. He reported for duty on October 1.



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# CONSTRUCTION FACES MORE CUTS

\$16,000,000,000 in CONTRACTS AFFECTED BY NEW WPB ORDER

Washington—WPB ordered, on October 21, drastic overhauling of non-essential construction programs. The move, intended to conserve and divert to war purposes the nation's manpower, materials, and transportation facilities, seriously affects some \$16,000,000,000 worth of construction scheduled for 1943 completion. Hospitals, public works, schools—possibly even war housing projects—are to be closely scrutinized, and if not essential to the war effort, denied authorization. Even war plants will be reviewed again before materials are allotted. These curtailments are expected to release substantial quantities of

metals to expand production of ships, planes, tanks, and guns.

#### **1,320,000 DWELLING UNITS**

"REAL ROOFS BY CHRISTMAS" SAYS FPHA

Washington, D. C.—The Federal Public Housing Authority has announced that all wan housing projects will in the future have to conform to provisions of the Lanham Act in making payments to local Governments in lieu of taxes.

# Trailers, permanent, demountable housing

Herbert Emmerich, FPHA Commissioner, announced early in October that he expected all war workers who are living in tents, shacks, or similar dwellings to have real roofs over their heads by Christmas. In addition to permanent and demountable housing programs, trailer projects and a homes utilization program are in progress.

The trailer program consists of some 16,000 units in 85 different projects, as of September 1. It was first developed by the Farm Security Administration and later incorporated into EDIA's was housing program.

#### Homes utilization program

The homes utilization program is to be the work of a new division of NHA which is to be directed by Frank C. Bane. Its

purpose is to find houses capable of accommodating more persons in war industry areas and to facilitate remodeling work. Suitable houses now unoccupied or occupied by only a few persons will be leased by the Government and remodeled at its expense to house war workers for the duration. After the war the dwellings will be returned to their owners.

FPHA estimates that begin-

FPHA estimates that beginning January 1, 1943, 1,320,000 dwelling units will be required for war workers. Existing structures are expected to provide 650,000 of these, private builders 270,000 new dwellings, and the remainder has been assigned to FPHA. The FPHA program will include 205,000 family units and 195,000 dormitory apartments for single workers. As of September 11, 426,331 dwelling units have been assigned to FPHA. Of these 145,929 were completed and ready for occupancy, 169,963 were under construction, and 110,439 were in a "preconstruction" state.

The greatest housing shortages exist in San Diego and Richmond, California; Seattle.

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#### Two Boards Pass on Projects

The order is to be administered by two new boards of review, which supplant five boards, dispersed among various Federal agencies and departments, which formerly passed upon construction. New boards are the Facility Clearance Board, which WPB Vicechairman Ferdinand Eberstadt heads; and Facility Review Committee, headed by Col. Gordon E. Textor, Army engineer associated with WPB. Textor's committee reviews all construction project applications and passes judgment on those costing less than \$500,000. The

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#### NEW HOUSING STANDARDS

WPB has just issued "War Housing Construction Standards" and temporarily halted priorities for new privately financed war housing and remodeling until further notice. The standards forbid single family houses and require masonry exterior wall construction. Maximum floor areas are set as follows: one-story building. 560 sq. ft. (1 bedroom); 720 sq. ft. (2 bedrooms); 900 sq. ft. (3 bedrooms); 340 sq. ft. (no bedroom); larger areas for multi-story buildings.



KITCHEN SINK



# THE HOUSE OF

which stood high on the Jersey Palisades, overlooking the busy railroad yards, the Hudson River, and New York's skyline. Outside and inside, the house is modern. The interior has a concrete floor, and plywood walls, ceilings, and furniture.

But inside, one meets with a great surprise: everything is in one room! And the owner had a great love of antiques, as well as a passion for efficiency.

So, in making the one huge room a combined bedroom-bath-living-room-diningroom-kitchen, antiques were put to modern uses. The dolphin fountain becomes the kitchen sink. The brick pool in the center of the living room floor does double duty as a bathtub. The fireplace has a high brick cheek-piece into which the kitchen range is built.

And, crowning touch, the outdoors is most successfully brought into this one-room paradise. Not only does the glass wall admit the view; it lets in sunlight for the plant bed built into the floor. Not only is the pool a bathtub; up to it leads a flagstone walk, on its curb sit potted plants, and in its placid waters float replicas of wild ducks, which have perhaps sought refuge from a stormy life.

RANGE







#### PERMANENCE FOR MURALS

BUELL MULLEN, metal muralist, impressed with perishability of canvas, prefers to paint upon gold, stainless steel, or any metal. These murals, she believes, should last a millennium. Areas to be painted are prepared by incising—paint is durable—technique has been thoroughly tested. Above are two examples for the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, painted on 20-ga. stainless steel and donated by one of the contractors who built the station. Neptune. at left, dedicated to Admiral John Downes, symbolizes the Navy's domination of the

oceans; Zeus, at right, dedicated to Captain Ralph D. Spalding and his Public Works Division, symbolizes

Spalding and his Public Works Division, symbolizes naval air supremacy; Zeus sows the seeds of aviation. Each is five ft. wide, seven ft. high. They commemorate the outstanding achievement in rebuilding the Station.

Previous works of Buell Mullen include portraits and murals for The U. S. Naval Academy, Library of Congress, and many others. For those who worry about the metal involved all the prurels are her cointed. about the metal involved, all the murals she has painted required not enough steel to make 21/2 sq. in. of armor.

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#### NAVAL HOSPITAL

THE NATIONAL NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER, at Bethesda, Md., was first occupied in February 1942; all permanent structures now planned will be completed about January 1, 1943, according to the Navy Department, Included within the Center are a Naval Naval Hospital and Naval Research Institute. The Hospital is now running almost to capacity. Rear Admiral C. W. O. Bunker (MC), USN, is the present Commanding Officer.

#### WOOD NOW CRITICAL

Washington, D. C.—WPB surveys, conducted by the Department of Agriculture, reveal that wood is now a critical material. Since Pearl Harbor the large volume needed for Army and Navy construction, and for replacing other critical materials, has produced a shortage, particularly of woods used in veneers and plywood for aircraft, subchasers, mine sweepers, torpedo boats, etc. Increased harvesting and more efficient methods of lumbering cannot satisfy the demand.

#### PRIORITIES DENIED ARP

Washington, D. C.—War Production Board has denied preference ratings, except in special cases, to any plant requiring critical materials for air raid protection. WPB said, "The possibility of occasional bombing cannot be allowed to curtail unnecessarily the flow of critical materials to plants making vital military items." It was reported that demands for black-out and air raid equipment and facilities have greatly increased.

#### CONSTRUCTION

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Eberstadt board judges more costly projects.

#### Nelson says: War Needs First

Mr. Nelson stated that present war production programs might be forced dangerously behind schedule if civilian production were allowed to continue at its present rate. Federal agencies must also abide by the WPB directive. At the same time WPB warned that violators of conservation order L41 (stop building) would be turned over to the Department of Justice for criminal prosecution.

#### GROPIUS, WAGNER EXPECT FUTURE PLANNING TO RELIEVE CONGESTION

Walter Gropius and Martin Wagner, noted architects, when interviewed recently, envisioned a postwar America in which urban congestion will be relieved by planning new townships for about 5,000 inhabitants each, ranged along a network of super-highways and consisting of low cost prefabricated houses. They explained that city slums could thus be cleared and that establishment of small factory and residential towns surrounded by individual farm belts would inaugurate a new era for factory dwellers.

#### Michigan Bulletin criticism

They suggested that such municipalities could be built by some sort of Government-supported "resettlement corporation." The Michigan Society of Architects' Bulletin, in quoting this program, points out that the population of many large and medium-sized American cities has in the recent past been moved out into suburban developments, and that Gropius and Wagner apparently would like to speed up this movement.

The Bulletin also calls attention to the possibility that intended beneficiaries of such a program might not be as enthusiastic about it as its sponsors; it also questions the assurance that all or even most of the people in our metropolitan industrial areas would relish the idea of being transplanted to "madeto-order communities." (Editor's Note—What is the typical suburban real estate subdivision but a "made-to-order" development?)

#### 1,320,000 DWELLING UNITS continued from page 1

Washington; Portland, Oregon; Buffalo, New York; Bridgeport and New Britain, Connecticut; Portsmouth, New Hampshire; Charleston, South Carolina; Gadsden, Alabama; and Willow Run, Michigan.

Mobile, Alabama, is another sore spot. War activities here have increased the population of the Mobile area from 80,000 in 1941 to 115,000 at present; by January 1, the total is expected to be 200,000.

#### War workers to be billeted

Washington, D. C.—The Govrnment, through NHA, has announced its intention to secure dequate housing for war workers by compulsory billeting, by commandeering or requisitioning private homes and other buildings which can be remodeled for living quarters, and by other arbitrary steps. Appeals have already been made to home owners in congested areas to take in "boarders."

#### To demand laws if needed

If this and similar measures do not satisfy the demand NHA is prepared to ask for legislative authority to billet civilians. John S. Blandford, Jr., National Housing Administrator, expects a conversion program to be started within the next few weeks in more than 50 crowded war production centers.

# GEORGE MAYER ON CLEVELAND PLANNING COMMISSION

Cleveland, Ohio—Mayor Lausche of Cleveland has just appointed a new city planning commission which operates under new authority. Ernest Bohn, Director of Cleveland's Metropolitan Housing Authority, is chairman; other members are Walter Flory, chairman of the special committee on city planning; George B. Mayer, architect; and Lucia McBride; Norman L. McGhee; Peter Slach; and Robert Weaver. The new commission is expected to start immediately on plans for widening Cleveland streets.

#### EMERGENCY SPECIFICATIONS FOR REINFORCED CONCRETE

Washington, D. C.—National Emergency Specifications for reinforced concrete design have been established by WPB. Allowable compression unit stresses have been reduced, thus requiring larger structural members. The result is substantial reduction in the amount of reinforcing steel needed.

Further economies result from a mandatory increase in tensile stress to 20,000 pounds per square inch for structural grades of steel and to 24,000 for intermediate and hard grades. The net saving is expected to be about 25%, or 150,000 to 250,000 net tons of steel per year.

### AIR RAID RECONSTRUCTION PLAN FOR MASSACHUSETTS

Boston, Massachusetts — The Commonwealth of Massachusetts last week considered recommendations for raid damage repair, submitted by its Committee on Postwar Readjustment. The proposal contemplated forming a rehabilitation board composed of the Commissioners of Public Works and Public Health, the Chairman of the State Planning Board, and two members at large.

Procedure would be about as follows: if a city were raided an executive order would be issued forbidding rebuilding any structures for 90 days unless the public interest required quicker action. During this period, the rehabilitation committee would study the problem, prepare plans for improvements deemed advisable, and set dates for issuing building permits.

#### **EVACUATION HOSPITALS**

St. Louis—The American Hospital Association was informed of plans for hospital evacuation in case of bombing attempts along our coast. Marshall Shaffer, architect for the United States Public Health Service, reports that designs for evacuation hospitals are being prepared by Government architects.

These buildings are tentatively designed as series of one-story pavilions, 50 feet apart and connected by corridors. Each series is intended to accommodate 1,000 persons. If need arises such evacuation units can be built far from coastal areas. The scheme is based on a similar program widely used in Great Britain.

#### STEEL RESEARCH

Colorado Springs, Colorado— F. H. Frankland, Director of Engineering, American Institute of Steel Construction, has reported to the Institute on research into structural problems. These deal with the behavior of steel columns, the possibility of preparing specifications for semi-rigid connections, the value of stiffened plates, possibility of using perforated plates as compression members, and tests on rigid framing members.

The specifications for semirigid connections will be tentative for several years, until more exact data has been accumulated. It is expected that this type of framing may result in the use of smaller quantities of steel and thus lower the cost of steel construction to figures comparable with other structural materials.

Jonathan Jones of Bethlehem SteelCompanyreportedonspecifications for welding structural steel. The specification is set up in such a form that all or parts of it can be adopted directly into local building codes.

#### SEES HOUSING SHORTAGE

New York—Samuel Paul, Architect and member of the faculty at Cooper Union, predicts that prefabricated houses will bulk large in residential construction after the war.

#### CORRECTION

A paragraph in the October, 1942 New Pencil Points News referred to a "Washington architect" as the originator of houseboat housing. We have been reliably informed that use of "pontoon housing" was first presented to housing officials by Zarch Sourian, New York architect.

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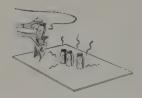


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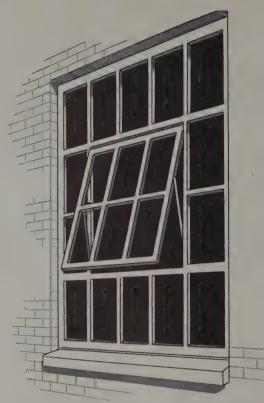
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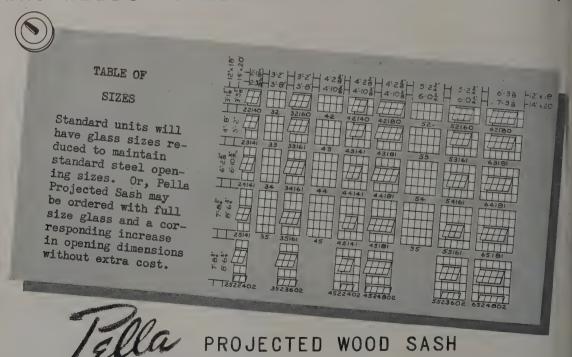
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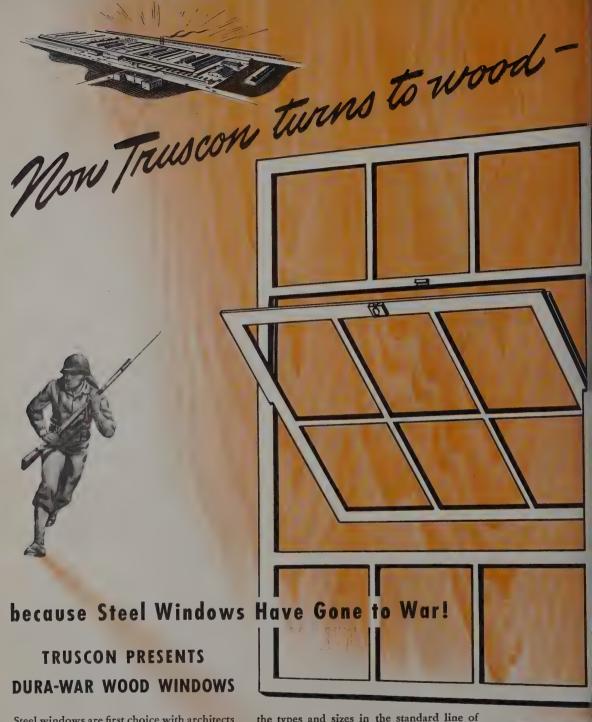
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Through the twenties and even the thirties their numbers grew to an established fifteen thousand, coupled with an estimated twenty thousand draftsmen and designers—approximately one to each four thousand of population. A strong group or a weak one, depending on

how you look at it.

Now we are engaged in a great, unprecedented, total war. All available American energies must be devoted to the winning of that war. Architecture, which is an art of peace, has been for the time being thrust aside except for war-needed structures. The utilitarian side of our craft—the engineering and planning only—is in demand.

Architects are told, "We don't want you, we want engineers." They are regarded as mouse-trap makers in a land where mice have suddenly been exterminated. There is wide lack of understanding (contributed to over the years by the profession's own failure to make itself understood) of the fact that the architect is a type of engineer—an engineer PLUS—whose combination of skills and abilities is not duplicated elsewhere. Man for man, measured in intelligence, education, and practical common sense, he is at least the equal of any class of engineers you can name. There's certainly no reason for him to feel inferior.

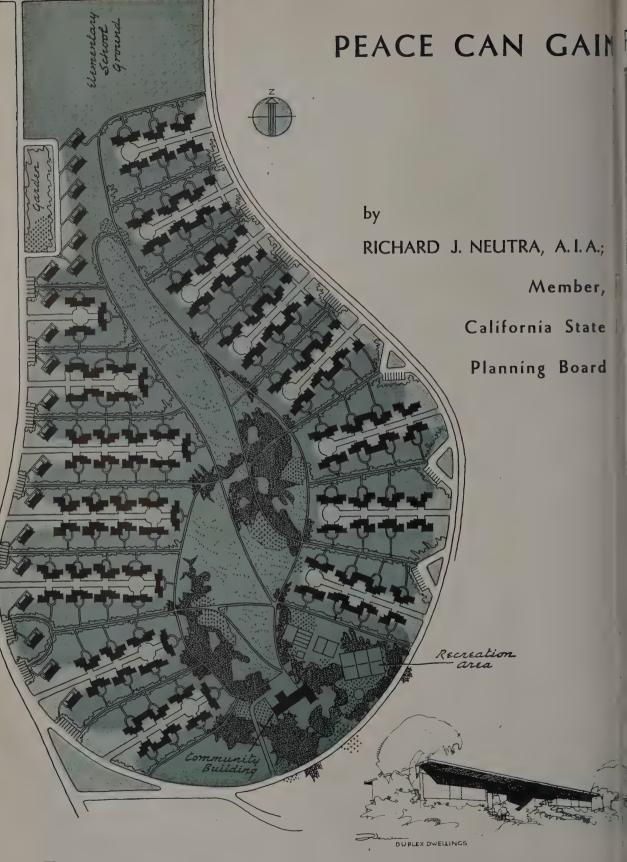
Yet under the pressure of economic circumstance—which has put him, temporarily at least, in the position of being a job-seeker—there appears a recent tendency for the architect to be forced to hide his identity, to disguise himself, to adopt the protective coloration of some other designation.

We hear of men being advised, when going after employment in war industry or military service, "For God's sake, don't let them know you're an architect." Even A.I.A. headquarters in Washington has in the past given such advice. This may be realistic, but it seems to us shameful.

We hope that after the desperate men who follow this advice get their jobs and have demonstrated that they can do them well they will become bold enough to disclose their secret. Meanwhile, we hope that all will not be like this, that there will be some strong enough and proud enough to declare themselves openly as ARCHITECTS and fight their way courageously, by frontal attack, into the jobs they know they can do—jobs not to do Architecture but to apply the broad capabilities of the trained Architect to analyze, to plan, to coordinate, to get things done right. There must be many such jobs.

Large scale concerted action is needed here, as in the war itself, if the battle is to be won. Leadership is also needed—but where is it?

Kermeth Vise



# FROM WAR'S FORCED CHANGES



WAR is always a period of quickened obsolescence. Values which may have imperceptibly been sliding out of gear, suddenly become flagrant misfits. Circumstantial pressure produces a new scale of evaluation, new determining forces.

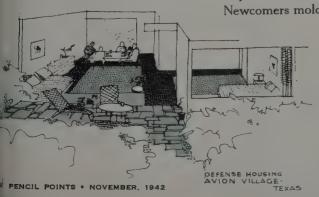
This war, much more than the last one, is upsetting the productional, the distributional, and the consumption equilibrium. And no matter how it ends, the end will start an era.

In every way, potential American production—plant, output, resourcefulness — will be vastly increased. The geography of employment and markets is accordingly being shifted within the country at large, and in many of its specific areas.

Green farmhands move into newly-created industries which drain the agricultural labor supply; while old technical skills, as for example those of the ancient building trades, will lose much of their significance when our newly-acquired million dollar tools seek, by re-conversion, employment proper to peacetime.

Large population groups are being uprooted. Many will be transplanted. Purchasing power changes hands. The objects we acquire and the mode of our personal life undergo modifications. Newcomers mold a new ideology.

AVION VILLAGE, war housing comnunity in Texas, for which David Williams, Roscoe DeWitt, and Richard Neutra were the architects, exemplifies ine of Neutra's principles: "an extensive communal area, continuous, without interuption by through traffic, and of a laytut where all dwellings face this green rea... fingerparks radiating from a central green... houses have park addresses rather than street numbers. Ariving and parking of owners' cars, deiveries, housekeeping yards, vegetable kardens, incinerators, and utility lines are Ill relegated to service courts...."



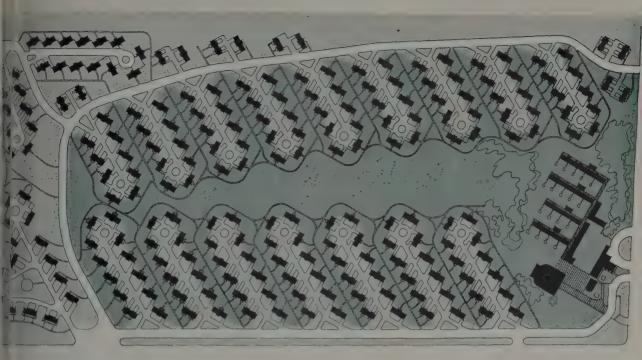
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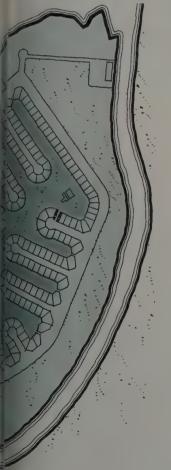
For example: housing, the recognized peacetime work-reserve, of staggering magnitude, will be profoundly influenced by all these factors. There will be no textbooks to re-orient planners and architects in a few easy lessons. All that can be hoped is that attention focused on some modest, too-little-observed side currents and trends of the bygone period may be helpful in articulating the new one, and serve as a usable system of reference and order.

Building design and physical planning, the architectural profession itself, were profoundly vitalized by the last war. Socioeconomic viewpoints were adopted, and thrilled the minds of young theorists and incipient practitioners in architecture. I breathed this atmosphere a quarter of a century ago, and enthusiastically labored to add a few vital ingredients to it, through activity in design and in writing. A few erratic blocks, of strange significance amid the complacent Victorian landscape, served us as foundation material: Semper's and Violet le Duc's writings from about 1870; Otto Wagner's and Louis Sullivan's manifestoes and designs after 1890; the essays of Adolph Loos; Frank Lloyd Wright's magnificently stimulating publication of 1911, just before that other bloody contest got under way.

The immediate reconstruction of war damage in Northern

France and in Belgium proved less fertile than the rehousing Below, PARKLIVING, a mutual-ownership activity in urban centers of the impoverished "loser nations" durhousing project in Jacksonville, Florida; Richard J. Neutra, Architect, Designed ing the twentieth century. Within little more than half a decade, a for a wooded, river-bounded peninsula, this was one of the first projects to which Neutra applied the "finger-park" principle. At right, AMITY VILLAGE, Compton, California, another mutual-ownership project, for which Neutra was the archi-tect and Col. Lawrence Westbrook, Director.





miracle was performed: fifteen percent and more of large continental populations was resettled; such accomplishments as those in Vienna impressed the "victor nations" of 1918. Measured by social gains and earnest attempts to reframe environment on a large scale, it would not be easy to state who were the "losers" and who the "winners" of World War I.

People at large were little benefited when, in a speculative spree, a few expensive skyscrapers and modernistic shop fronts were added to the urban congestion and traffic jam of the old order. The best all-around planning was possibly done by the small neutrals, Holland, Scandinavia, and Switzerland, which had neither been drained of national wealth, nor fallen into the intoxication of victory.

A great deal of the coming American postwar work of designing will be in the hands of young men who are at present in the armed forces, in many wartime occupations, in many foreign lands. Right now their outlook is being conditioned to be many-sided, cosmopolitan, unprovincial. Our young Americans will understand as never before their great countryman, Benjamin Franklin, who was so admirably and acutely familiar with both sides of the ocean, and planned for his commonwealth from knowing the world. Thousands of human, social, and factual contacts, not ordinarily experienced in sheltered home towns, are now actually molding the minds of these young men. Wholesale planning and its difficulties are to them an every-day, conspicuous occurrence during this total, global war. Teamwork has spread far beyond the football field.

Life and action in unison were familiar to early American society in the townships and on the commons of New England.







A new public, similarly receptive to it, is again in the making, and a receptive public is as significant as its creative leaders.

A visible expression of this new social cohesion is the springing up of humanly-sized and humanly-framed neighborhoods in the midst of the amorphous wastes of blighted metropolitan areas. Housing projects have been built and have begun to be lived in.

#### INTER-DEPENDENCE. NOT SUBDIVISION

"Symbiosis" is defined by biologists as the friendly coordination of the life activities of several individual organisms which live not just side by side, but profitably with each other.

Quite a contrast to the post-Victorian subdivision, where families lived parallel to each other, with the paved street alone representing the community: a hundred thousand American youngsters are now growing up in housing projects, with a living neighborhood spirit under their skin, a spirit well-expressed in specifically-planned surroundings. If we believe at all in the consequential, in the training value of well-conceived environment, we have here nuclei around which new and fertile social habits can crystallize.

Ever since Henry Wright, on a trip to Europe in the middle Twenties, became familiar with the ideology of planning—which he splendidly materialized in Radburn, New Jersey, with the cooperation of Clarence Stein, the Bing Brothers, and Herbert Emmerich, now FPHA Commissioner—a living example was in

At left is a model of CHANNEL HEIGHTS, a housing project for workers in the San Pedro, California, shipyards. With modifications due to extremely rugged topography, Neutra's principles were here applied again. Illuminated underpasses under the high road embankments give pedestrians access to all parts of the project without causing them to cross traffic arteries. The development thus becomes three-dimensional. Howard L. Holtzendorff was the Executive Director, L. E. Wilson the Consultant, Neutra the Architect.



SAYS MR. NEUTRA on the preceding page: "People at large were little benefited when, in a speculative spree, a few expensive skyscrapers and modernistic shop fronts were added to the suburban congestion and traffic jam of the old order."

The kind of architectural inflation to which he refers is capable of far greater damage than the financial overconfidence out of which it grew. For any building represents not only a sum of money invested, wisely or foolishly; it is an attempt, perhaps unwitting, to exercise control over the daily life—and so the business, recreation, thoughts and character—of the people who use the building. A satisfactory building contributes enormously to its users' welfare. If it is only moderately satisfactory, and nothing better is at hand, it gradually drags its users to its own level. If it is poor, and superior accommodations are available, nothing can keep it tenanted. Such statements are rather obvious.

In showing pictures of two stores and of a street of financial buildings, there is no intention of disparaging them as indvidual structures. The only complaint is that they ARE individual structures—much too individual. If there had been a chance to integrate them with peoples' needs, if their environment had been less wastefully developed—in short if they and their surroundings had been truly planned—they might have been much more successful.



existence, to be further developed and elaborated. I have myself endeavored to do so again and again during this last decade. However we owe it to these turbulent years and their refreshing unconcern for historical inertia, that now such projects have found realization, and so are bound to breed their postwar offspring of ever-improved, similar projects.

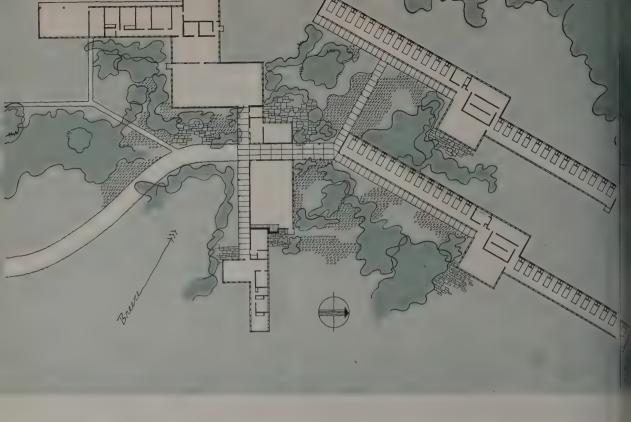
The illustrations show first an example of years ago: the Mutual Ownership Colony, "Parkliving," designed for a wooded, riverbounded peninsula near Jacksonville, Florida. The principle of an extensive communal area, continuous, without interruption by through traffic, and of a layout where all dwellings face this green area, is elaborated in the subsequent site designs for Avion Village, Texas; Amity Village, Compton, California; and, with modifications due to very rugged topography, at Channel Heights, a housing project for workers of the San Pedro shipyards. Here, illuminated underpasses under high road embankments serve pedestrian communication between residential areas and the community building and the various recreational areas, as well as for surface drainage of several deep canyons and ravines. The idea that dwelling units face on finger-parks radiating from a central green area, is maintained. Visitors enter through trellised pergolas onto park walks leading to the houses, which have park addresses rather than street numbers. Driving and parking of owners' cars, deliveries, housekeeping yards, vegetable gardens,

In the Community Building at PUEBLO DEL RIO, FPHA housing project in Los Angeles, the day nursery has sliding doors which permit the room to open generously out onto the nursery's private patio. The architects were Paul R. Williams, Gordon B. Kaufman, Richard J. Neutra, Adrian Wilson, Wurdeman and Beckett.



incinerators, and utility lines are all relegated to service courts, well segregated from frontal parks and community areas.

Communal facilities include playgrounds for children, adolescents, and adults, and extend into the existing adjoining city park with its tennis courts and luxuriant landscaping. The community building includes, besides its wings for administration and for maintenance, inter-connected indoor and outdoor assembly space, rooms and storage compartments for craft activities and materials, a demonstration kitchen, a day nursery with infants' play court, spray pool, sandlot, and other facilities. A special structure, a lathhouse, is dedicated to adolescent and adult training in gardening and landscaping. A community store and market, with departments for grocer, butcher, baker, delicatessen, vegetables, fruits, drugs, shoe repair, and laundry agency, helps to make the project a self-sufficient neighborhood, with provision made for supplying daily needs and a certain nucleus of services. Sites near the plaza are reserved for a kindergarten and a 12-unit primary school, for a health center and a fire station.



The necessity of suddenly transplanting a population of workers' families near an employment center of equally sudden development has overcome or sidestepped many resistances which, in peacetime, would have blocked the creation of such a center. Yet in such centers can be carried on both training for and experimentation in a promising and socially more satisfactory mode of life.

Young and enthusiastic managers are acquiring the skills needed for handling projects like this, which otherwise would have been impossible to experience. Education of tenants for cooperative management appears as a plausible step, and should likewise have repercussions on the concept, the planning, and the many details of related projects.

Numerous examples—like those produced by the Los Angeles Housing Authority, which serve war and peace through continuous, undaunted effort—have been materialized to stimulate postwar progress all over the country.

NYA YOUTH TRAINING CENTER, Sacramento California, Richard J. Neutra, Architect and Consultant. Shown in plan above, the community center contains an assembly area, nursery, school clinic, library, home economics department, and adjoins a school, Dormitory wings are seen to be placed at right angles to the prevailing breeze; the relationship of the whole project

#### WE HAVE LEARNED-BUT NOT ENOUGH

Both tenants as consumers, and designers, contractors and sub-contractors as producers, have acquired many a valuable piece of knowledge about the merits and properties of unified design and material selection, as applied to an entire neighborhood. Such a harmonized neighborhood is not monotonous. It is much more a living entity than is that checkerboard of 500 or 1000 individual lots fronting on 50-foot-wide pavements laid down in a rectangu-





was equally carefully studied, with due regard for site conditions, orientation, traffic and land-scaping. The photographs on this page show, at top, the dormitory patio; center, view of the antrance to the Training Center; below, view from the service road, with service entrance at left, mess hall and recreation hall in center, and superintendent's dwelling at right.

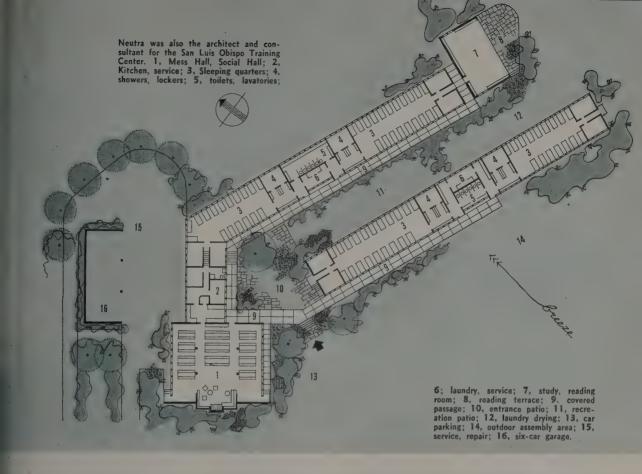


lar street gridiron, and carrying, side by side, miniature English cottages, Mexican ranchos, Cape Cod fishermen's huts, and all that dubious variety of yesterday's speculative subdivision art. Different, more convincing precedents have now actually been set before the eyes of postwar consumers; and postwar designers will not be bound to rigid, obsolete, subdivision patterns. The ice is broken, and so is the routine of the city engineer's office.

But the producers have yet to learn many wonders of dwelling production in series, far beyond the small multiplication table which they can now master. Workmen, foremen, trade unions, subcontractors all will have to awaken to the novel facts of postwar industrialization in dwelling construction. War industries and plants cannot, must not, simply shut down when peace bells ring. Their new, multiplied implementation and tooling cannot be

### NYA YOUTH TRAINING CENTER, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNI





scrapped again without the economic disaster of mass unemployment and loss of a most useful, most advanced technical investment. Production of familiar materials has spread to many new locations, new materials have moved out of laboratories into production, light metals will have become common and inexpensive. Routine designers of the two-by-four variety may be puzzled; but an entire new generation of structural men, with novel skills and training, with manifold types of employment and creative gifts, will undoubtedly come into being.

The old places where skill was acquired—schools and colleges in their present shape—will hardly do. The monumental war industries, from aircraft manufacturers to large contracting firms in various fields, have been poorly served by them. The industries have had to maintain their own training courses of many types for employees and assistants.

Diversified, yet related, training projects (not unlike those of the National Youth Administration which as a consultant I was granted the opportunity of helping to set up) may supplement general public education, may link it with the requirements of particular industries.

As the war teaches us, training may start when trainees are quite young. This will insure to them the satisfaction and pride of early accomplishment, and all the psychological benefit of feeling themselves definitely useful in a new, promising order of

things. That the past decade of unemployment frustrated such a natural aspiration always appears to me as the most serious damage it produced.

The illustrated training centers, while following such decisions in matters of design and layout as I could furnish, were drawn up by the young vocational students, under supervision, in complete working plans and typical details, according to a long tradition followed by apprentices in my own office. Specifications and quantity surveys were made to conform to guiding principles which were comprehensibly presented by means of complete samples; and finally the structures were successfully erected by these students under foremen experienced in each trade. A small wage was paid as encouragement to each trainee.

From my extensive experience in organizing such acquisition of skill on actual planning and construction projects, I have no doubt that this method of structural training deserves much postwar attention. I have learned that it finds solid support in youths' enthusiasm, and in its desire for tangible accomplishment.

This war is a more technical one than any ever fought: thus it may indeed teach us much in organization, in collaborative use of skills, and in furthering their acquisition. Perhaps, when the war clouds are dissipated, it will prove the starting point for a creative development which will do away with that disorderly obsolescence from which youth in urban and rural life has long been suffering.



The San Luis Obispo Training Center, in the San Luis Obispo Mountains, is definitely not one of the "old places where skill was acquired. As completely as present customs and taboo permit, it is truly a training center, where preparation for living can be acquired, where learning is not taught, but experienced.

The resident students had a hand in designin and building this and other projects. Basic de cisions were made for them, but they gaine intimate knowledge of the practical problem which creative genius must solve, of the neces sity for coordination which only a limited fer comprehend today. Photographs show: across page, general view from the south; directly abovit, the patio; at left, entrance detail.







# WAR HITS HOSPITALS

The rendering above portrays the Rome Hospital in Rome, New York, built before Pearl Harbor. Bagg & Newkirk were the architects; Harold G. Rice, associate; Charles F. Neergaard, consultant. It is typical of pre-December-7 hospital architecture, probably better than most. A portion of a typical floor plan is shown on page 44.

In contrast, the rendering across the page shows an addition to the new Sisters Hospital in Buffalo, New York, for which George J. Dietel was the architect. Originally this, too, was planned as a multi-story building; but the war forced a change in plans.

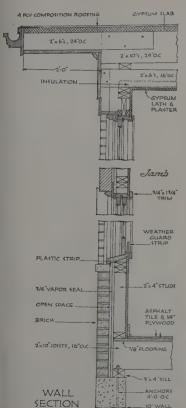
The contrast between the two is more pointed than appears on the surface. It goes deeper than mere structural ingenuity in finding substitutes for non-available materials. In the Buffalo hospital addition, the fundamental problem was attacked. The result is an entirely new type of hospital plan, not a scheme in which a multi-story building is sliced into layers which are then laid out on a single level. The Buffalo project bears some resemblance to schemes for multi-story hospitals developed independently by Charles Neergaard.

Examination of plans (page 45) reveals that the addition is in reality a complete hospital. It could operate individually of the building to which it was added. The unorthodox organization of the plan is readily apparent. All the services — laundry, laboratories, work rooms, nurses' stations, utility rooms, etc. — are in a block in the center of each wing and are lighted by clerestories. Two corridors surround this block.

When this present war was in its infancy, enthusiastic Americans sent abroad a Finnish-American Field Hospital, which was supposed to be portable. It was equipped with all the latest doodads—so well equipped that the doctors in charge had considerable difficulty in transporting it. At the end of Russo-Finnish hostilities, the unit went to Norway; when, later, the hospital had to be abandoned, its sponsors gave it to the Finns. This hospital, supposedly portable yet never successfully transported, was immediately divided up into several excellent, permanent hospitals by that thrifty nation.

The same could be done with many of our American hospitals, if circumstances should some day require. Does this mean that our hospital architecture has in the past been too "well fed," too luxurious?

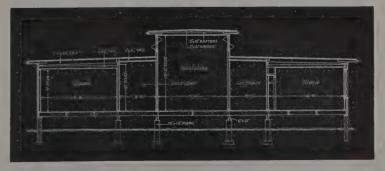


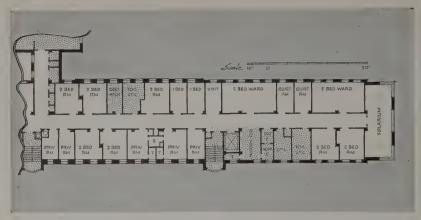


#### SISTERS OF CHARITY HOSPITAL ADDITION, BUFFALO, NEW

YORK. The tremendous expansion of war production plants in Buffalo has seriously overburdened the already inadequate hospital facilities of the City. To help in overcoming this situation, the Sisters of Charity Hospital originally proposed to build a 150-bed, seven-story, permanent building as an addition to their present plant. However, the increasing war need for materials forced a revision of this scheme. The result is the one-story structure illustrated above, which contains several innovations in plan. Most notable of these is concentration of all utilities in a central portion, which is lighted by clerestories.

The entire cost of the hospital addition is being met by a federal grant of Lanham Act funds. The original structure would have cost \$1,215,000; the present buildings cost considerably less. Details of construction, which require a minimum of scarce materials, are shown in the section at the left.





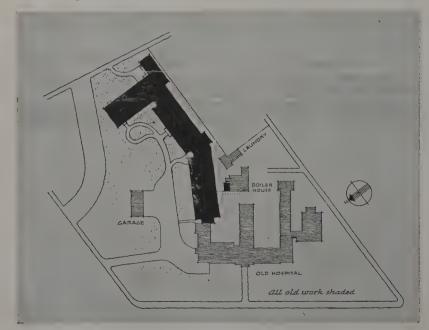
Rome-Murphy Hospital, Rome, New York Bagg & Newkirk, Architects

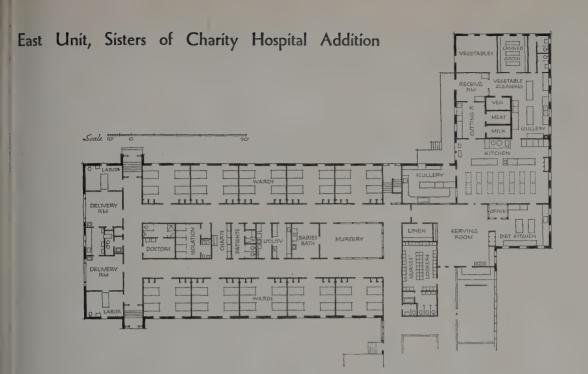
Plan of the Rome-Murphy Hospital, above, shows part of a typical floor, and indicates how, in the conventional multi-story hospital, the insertion of utility areas, control points, and vertical circulation interrupts the logical organization of patients' rooms and necessitates a certain amount of duplication of services. The new portion of the Charity Hospital, being all on one-story, occupies a considerable area. Yet the total number of beds accommodated in this one-story addition is 162, an increase of 12 over the number which would have been provided in the comparable multi-story addition which was originally contemplated.

The East unit of the addition is devoted principally to maternity requirements. The delivery suite is well segregater from the ward areas and children's facilities. The central block here contains the nursery and babies' bath in addition to typical utility and chart rooms, doctors' and patients' quarters, and a small isolation nursery. At the south end of the East unit, reasonably near the center of the addition and with direct access to a street, is the kitcher The care with which the plan was studied is demonstrated in the location of the kitchen office. Here a responsible official must check all foods out of the kitchen, and oversee the department's operation.

The Central and West blocks contain semi-private rooms and wards, as well as the addition's administrative quarters' Between them is the operating suite, which serves both u lits. With few exceptions, the outside portions of the planhave been reserved for patients' accommodations. (Interestingly enough the dark room has a window in an outside wall, One wonders why this, too, was not put in the central block.) Again, the central block contains all the utility and administrative spaces which usually occupy almost the entire ground floor of a multi-story hospital.

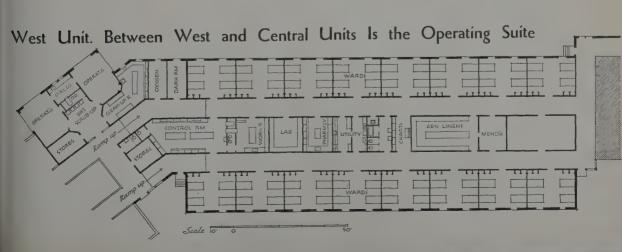
Addition to Sisters of Charity Hospital, Buffalo, New York George D. Dietel, Architect





Central Unit of the Addition Contains the Administrative Offices





## WHAT CAN SCHOOL DESIGNERS

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Teachers College, Columbia University

THE war will bring about considerable change in school planning in this country. Many traditional ideas about the schoolhouse will be altered; many factors aid and abet this movement. School buildings will be more fully used by their communities. These are changes over which few tears will be shed.

The decentralization of cities has become an acknowledged fact. The automobile age helped: people moved out from congested urban centers, seeking sunlight, fresh air,

Center Line, Michigan, School-Eliel & Eero Saarinen and J. Robert F. Swanson, Architects



## **EXPECT?**

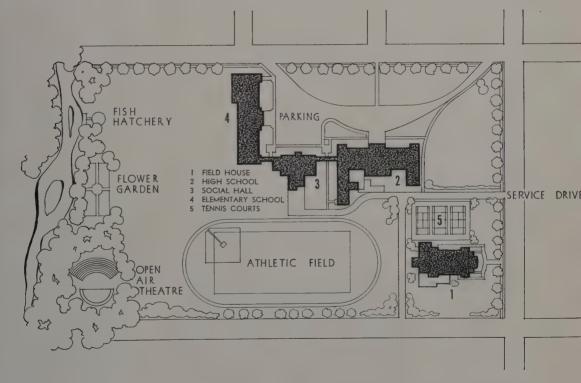
and open space. The air age, annihilating time and space, may give further momentum to this exodus. As people plan new centers in which to live, they will revise their ideas concerning the nature of a schoolhouse and the uses to which it is to be put.

The stress in recent decades has been upon safety and sanitation, upon concentration of school building spaces, upon building architectural monuments. Tomorrow the emphasis will be upon the purposes to which the school is to be put, and upon developing

school structures which can be used by all kinds of people, not children alone, for many hours of the school day. Planning will not be concerned solely with the mechanistic characteristics of a building, but upon the social significance of its spaces and the possibility of their use for learning the ways and participating in the methods of democracy.

No school building will serve a community adequately if it is designed without reference to the changing problems which confront people. Today, some public works programs are being advanced with the idea that school building plans can be drawn now so that after the war school construction may start immediately. Many of these, like those built under PWA, will be obsolete before contracts are let. They will express merely the traditional, institutional concept of what constitutes a schoolhouse. But if the school is to be a vital part of society, the boards of educa-

#### Community School, Dover, Delaware, Walter Carlson, Architect



The Center Line School, built as part of a war housing project, was designed to serve the community as a whole. Within the building are provisions for administrative offices and community affairs as well as complete elementary school. (Photograph by John S. Coburn.)

The recently-erected units of the Dover School
—Social Hall, Elementary School, and Field
House—are planned around the old high school
building. The recent Governor's Inaugural was
held in the Field House and the Governor's
Inaugural Luncheon was given in the Social
Hall. Thus the school has become intimately
related to the state as well as community life.

tion for tomorrow will have, first, to canwass thoroughly the desirable changes that have already been made in school planning, and to study the impact of this war upon the educational needs of our people. Let us build, after this war, the kind of schoolhouses which will further the democratic program for which the war is being fought.

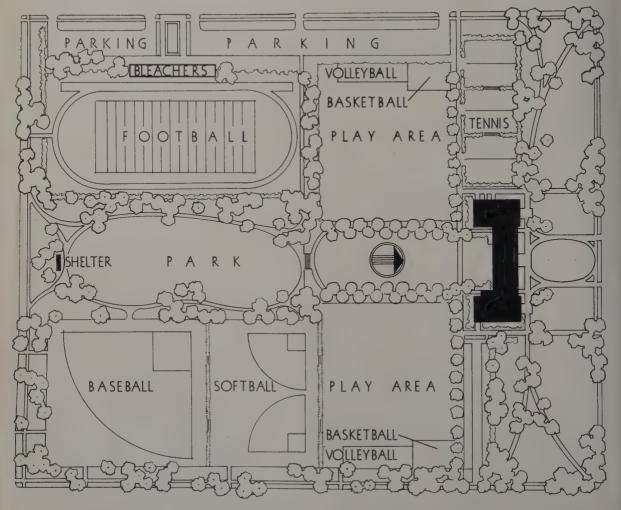
Population changes affect the schoolhouse. The communities being planned today will probably have peak elementary school enrollments in the first two decades of their existence, with the greatest secondary school loads coming subsequently. Many an American community which has built elementary schools for such peak loads, finds now that an unexpected proportion of its elementary classrooms is empty. Why? Because the classrooms were planned to be scarcely usable for any other purpose than an out-

moded program. If they had been planned for combined elementary school and general community use, the school buildings could now be satisfactory community centers. No school should be erected henceforth in whice wide community use is not given full consideration in the original planning.

Since December 7, 1941, our people have been learning how to work together in groups serving community, state, and national purposes. This kind of group activity will tend to continue after the war, and winneed building facilities. Multiple use of large school spaces, such as auditoriums, cafeter as, and others, can provide satisfactory accommodations for it.

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### Arlington Heights High School, Fort Worth, Texas, Preston M. Geren, Architect



sion, and planning work of a community which, of necessity, will be concerned with problems representing common needs (food, shelter, clothing, financing, governing) forced upon it by postwar society.

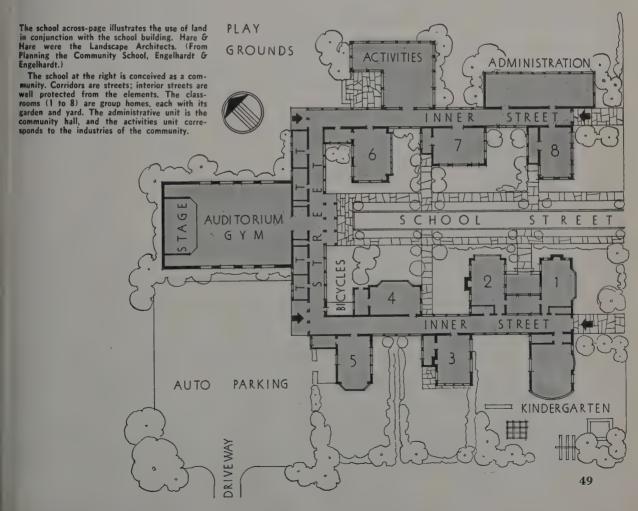
So the future schoolhouse must be a community house. It must not be afflicted with the old disease of cubicle-osis. It will have to be highly flexible, highly adaptable, thoroughly in tune with educational programs seeking to solve fundamental problems of democratic living and relationships.

Already, many American communities have learned to use their schools twenty-four hours a day. What a contrast between this utilization and that which formerly prevailed! Some boards of education seemed to regard schools as personal property, the use of which beyond the five or six hours of the old school day could be prohibited. Now,

vacations find these schools open; classes of all ages use the buildings; classes are held around the clock, night and day. Every realm of human interest has found a "class" anxious to explore and to prepare for constructive work. Americans will never again allow their schools to be closed to them except for a few hours a day, for a few days a year.

New agencies find the schoolhouse useful. Consider draft boards; when we win the war, our military forces will be supplanted by armies to assist in world rehabilitation, and some form of draft board may then be needed to relate youth more directly to the services which must be rendered. Perhaps there will be a drafting of youth into worthwhile, non-military, national service, of a kind which will attract them. Employment service cannot be left to chance as it has been in years past. All these are functions of society for

### Project by Harrison & Fouilhoux, Architects



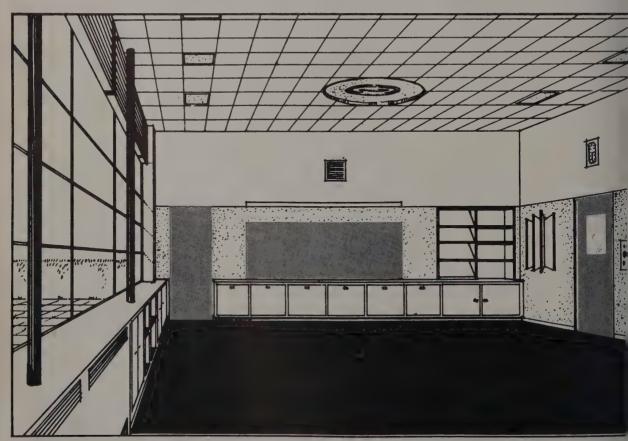
which we must plan, activities which can be housed in our schools.

State legislation and regulations of state building divisions have tended to freeze building concepts into fixed molds. This result may always be expected when laws are written in specific terminology for one generation. Once established, only the strongest pressure and crystallization of public opinion succeed in dethroning such standards. Proof of this strikes any who tries changing a so-called standard, long imbedded in law or custom, and supported by many devoted adherents.

Yet standardization and legislation have been of inestimable value in progressing from early stupidities or indifferences in planning through a period of paternalistic safeguarding of human interests. Now we experience a terrific disturbance of the foundations of our political, economic, and social life—we are at war, and the fact affords us an opportunity again to evaluate past procedures, to reweigh continuing forces, to determine future policies.

Annual Federal budgets of fifty to one hundred billions will have a direct bearing on local school plant development. Schools will continue to be built. We Americans have accepted them as "first lines of defense." and will in the future use them more constructively on "offense." Communities which build schools will, however, find less money available for other needed projects. Consolidation of community projects in the one enterprise with which we can not dispense the school-logically follows. The community school will become more firmly established after the war. It will be planned to serve purposes for which in the past other. separate facilities have been erected. Its grounds will be more spacious. Its planning will be in terms of the needs emerging out of community health, physical rehabilitation.

### Elementary School Classroom Designed to House an Activity Program



better housing, family life, nursery education, economic re-establishment of the community, and vast numbers of group activities, created by war and postwar conditions, for both youths and adults.

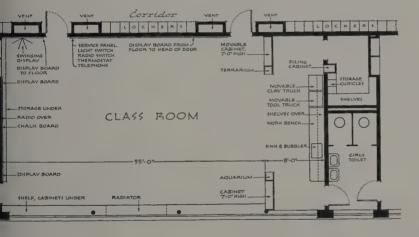
As for adult education, world strategy, of war and peace, must become popular knowledge. Day and evening conferences, discussions on aviation and its influences on world economy, on intrahemisphere relations, on readjusting the world's business, on reconstructing its cities, on restoring its health, will make demands upon the school. Youth, too, must be provided with laboratories and workshops for action. The hope of mankind will center in the amount and character of education which will be provided.

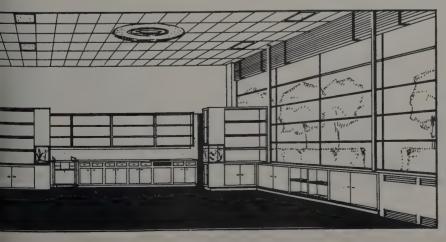
This must be the goal, and the stilted education of the past will not suffice. An education associated with rethinking the needs of man, and recreating the political, social, and economic mechanisms for satisfying those

needs, must be provided for us. What kind of schoolhousing will serve these purposes?

The past decades have not served youth well. Makeshift organizations, local and national, have done their bit, but youth's program must be planned definitely in the school. Through an orderly, unfortunately slow, process, the school organization has changed from K-8-4\* to variations of the K-6-3-3.\* The junior high school has been tried. Advantages have been discovered, disadvantages unearthed. The postwar period promises to bring a rapid development of the NS-K-6-4-4\* organization. The terms "junior high school" and "high school" may be supplanted by "middle school," and "youth regional center." The nursery school will come into wider acceptance. (Turn to page 52)

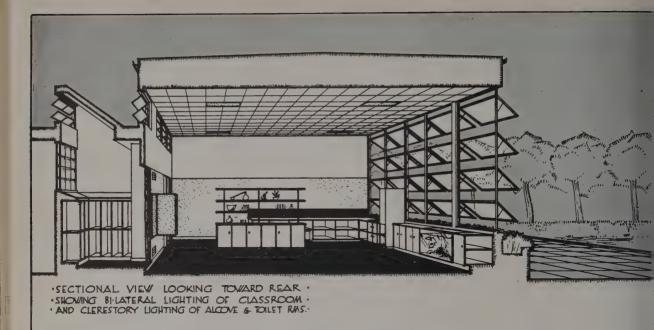
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Dimensions of this classroom are larger than are common today. The toilets have been placed so that each serves two rooms. Ample storage space is necessary to an activity program. In this example are included a storage room as well as filing cabinets, bookcases, magazine racks, shelves, and cabinets under windows and in the work bench. Work area in rear of room is made flexible in size and use by providing movable cabinets. Walls are intended to be covered from floor to doorhead with cork, and a swinging corkboard is also usable for display space. The intention here is not to provide a typical classroom, but rather a laboratory in which children can learn by experimentation.

<sup>\*</sup>K-8-4: 1 year of kindergarten, 8 of elementary school, 4 of high school. K-6-3-3:1 kindergarten, 6 elementary, 3 junior h.s., 3 senior h.s. NS-K-6-4-4: 1 year nursery school, 1 kindergarten, 6 elementary, 4 junior h.s. or secondary, 4 senior h.s. or pre-collegiate, pre-vocational, pre-induction.



### Classroom Designed for One-Story Construction

Like the previous example, this is planned for "laboratory" teaching techniques. The ingenious use of clerestories makes it possible to concentrate the small storage rooms, toilets, and alcoves along the normally dark corridor side of the room. It also provides bilateral lighting for the classroom itself.

Today the nation calls on youth to serve; tomorrow it will be youth's turn to call upon the school for opportunities and training to continue national service according to individual abilities. Curricula must be broad as life's needs, courses flexible, learning opportunities must fit the student's characteristics. These criteria of need suggest great variations from past practices in planning, equipping, and constructing classrooms, laboratories, and shops.

In the first World War we learned that many of our youth were physical defectives. This war, in which 50 percent of our manpower is being rejected for physical reasons, drags this national disgrace out into the limelight again. Are Americans so foolish as to permit continuing repetition of this failure to build a strong, healthy nation? We cannot permit it. The school will tackle this job of building sound men and women as it never has in the past.

Small school sites and inadequate facilities will not be countenanced. Gymnasiums (note the plural) will be parts of the school. not merely the inner tubes of auditoriums; they will be planned for all day and evening service. Correctional gymnasiums will increase in number. New emphasis will be placed upon using the out-of-doors. School sites will be measured in acres, not square feet. Communities will realize that land is to be used to improve man, rather than that man is to be used to improve the land.

For the American people are rich in land. In the past we have, however, been miserly in setting aside land for public school purposes. The future should witness general adoption of practices which already prevail in the few best school systems of the country. Education should be more intimately associated with the land and our teaching program must emphasize the value of land for recreational purposes, as a source of food, for outdoor social purposes, and for countless other ends to which well-land-scaped, well-developed land may be put.

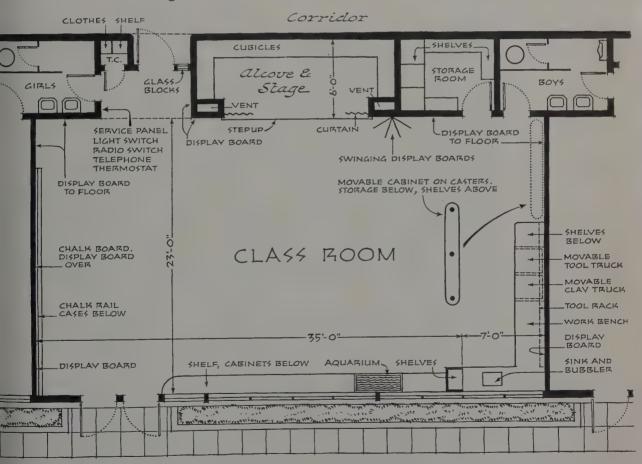
Let us bear in mind that the demands of aviation will also dictate larger school sites. Glider flying need not be dangerous, but it needs room. We will have clubs, to enable youth to learn all about aircraft. If our police forbid use of parks for these flying experiences, the community should provide other space for youth to carry on without interference. School grounds with play fields, water areas, picnic groves, natural theatres, nature crafts sections, and gardens may sometime become the usual rather than the unusual in our democracy.

Large-scale housing, of both the apartment and the cottage type, may proceed at prodigious pace after this war. The rebuilding of cities is bound to take place. Where does the school fit into such developments? Is it merely to be an additive, as it has been too frequently in the past? Or is it to be fully integrated into the original planning pattern? What kind of school shall it be? What pur-

poses should it serve? What is to be its relationship to parks and playgrounds? For what age ranges should it be conceived?

In Planning The Community School\* are many illustrations of elementary and secondary schools developed to meet specific community needs. There exist many delightful auditoriums and cafeterias in which complete adjustment to both school and community purposes has been made. Individual areas planned for multiple use include laboratories for domestic arts, community libraries, and facilities for vocational education and rehabilitation. No great extra cost is entailed by this wider and more democratic use of the school building itself; no school space need remain an ivory tower.

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<sup>\*</sup>Engelhardt, N. L. and Engelhardt, Jr., N. L.: Planning the Community School, American Book Co., 1940.

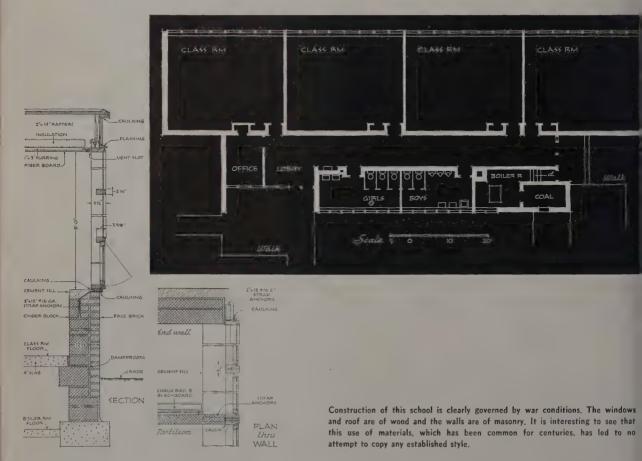
The nutritional needs of our nation, the wealthiest in human foods, are being strikingly brought home to us. Food values, their place in family life, and their importance in agricultural development should play important curricular roles from the earliest grades. We have the scientific knowledge; can schools be planned to take advantage of it?

Elementary classrooms, stereotyped in size and nature, and planned for forty seats and forty feet of blackboard, should be freed from worthless traditional standards. We have to take some of the dreaded monotonous, institutional characteristics out of them. Human interest, beauty, and uniqueness must govern their planning. Needs of children and parents dictate plans flexible, spacious, and adaptable to essential group

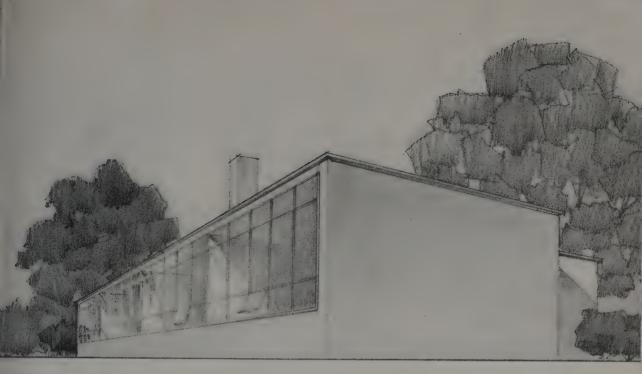
needs. Any group interested in the livability of classrooms might well study what similar groups have done in Arkansas and Utah.\*

The school plant of the future must fit the needs of the community. It must be planned with relation to the resources of the community. It must provide for the economic and social development of the community. It must offer a rallying center for all kinds of groups interested in promoting the interests of the community. Such a school will take on characteristics vastly different from those of schoolhouses of the past. If our democracy is to advance the facilities provided for education must be planned to aid constructively in that advance.

#### "WAR SCHOOL" FOR THE TREADWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT

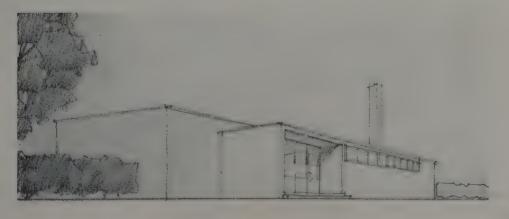


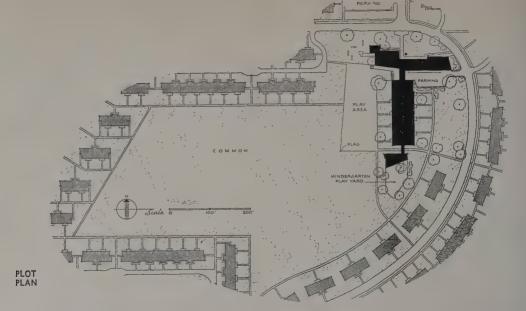
<sup>\*</sup>Engelhardt, N. L. and School Planning Associates; Elementary School Classrooms, Portfolio A. Bureau of Publications, Teachers College, Columbia University, 1941.



### WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN-LYNDON & SMITH, ARCHITECTS

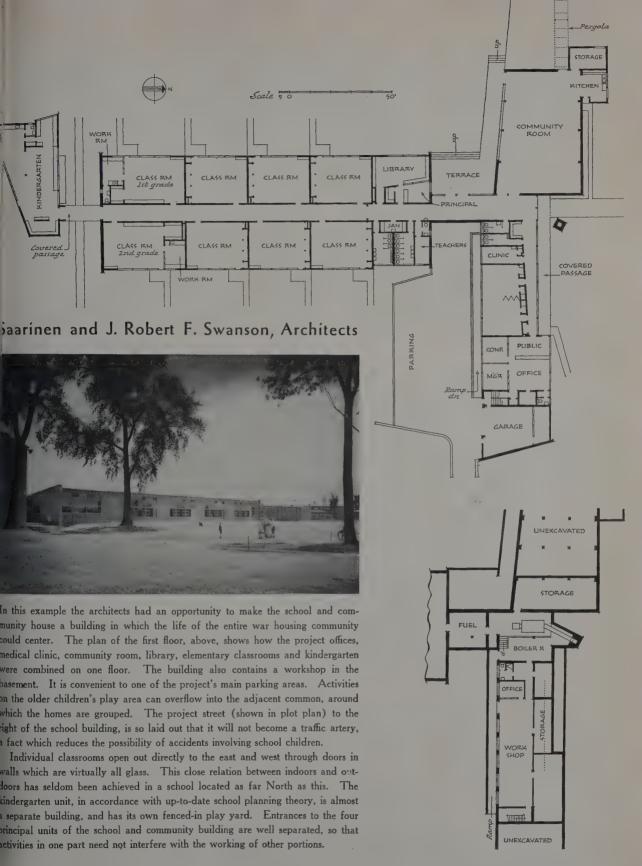
ALTHOUGH this school does not typify the "plan-for-community-use" which Dr. Engelhardt advocates in his article, it was necessitated by community expansion which resulted from a tremendous increase in war industry. The severe limitations imposed by War Production Board rulings have reduced the schools to the minimum once found in the typical, American, little red school-house. The bare essentials—classrooms, toilets, heating plant, and small office—were all that could be built. The construction is shorn of many of the gadgets which we have come to consider essential to good schoolhouse design. It has not the same sleek quality which many steel-sashed and over-architected schools have exhibited in the past. Yet it is light and free, thoroughly modern, and shows what a competent architect can do even when rigidly restricted.





SCHOOL-COMMUNITY CENTER, Center Line, Michigan - Eliel & Eer



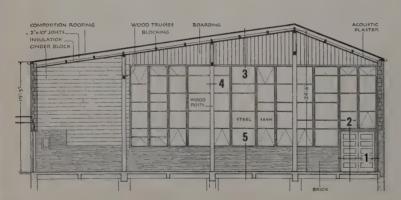


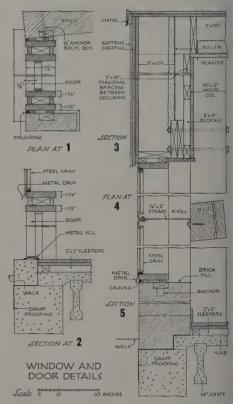


#### CENTER LINE COMMUNITY HOUSE



The community room is a single large area, with wood trusses supporting the roof, and masonry exterior walls. The floor is supported on a concrete slab on which rest 2" by 2" sleepers which carry the wood subfloor and finished floor.

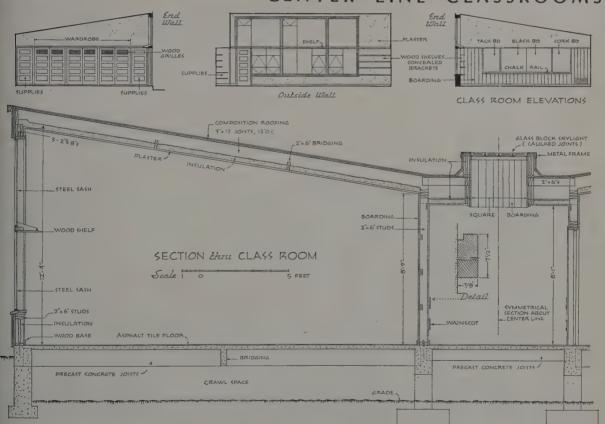




Details of construction above are keyed to the section at the left. Although this structure was built before the priorities situation became acute, every effort was made to economize in the use of metals — hence the 10 by 12-inch wood columns and girders, and the wood trusses and roof framing. Almost the only use of metal is in the steel sash. The ceiling is plastered, and walls are partly exposed masonry, partly wood. In addition to the community room, this wing contains a small kitchen and storage space, and can serve as a banquet hall or theater.

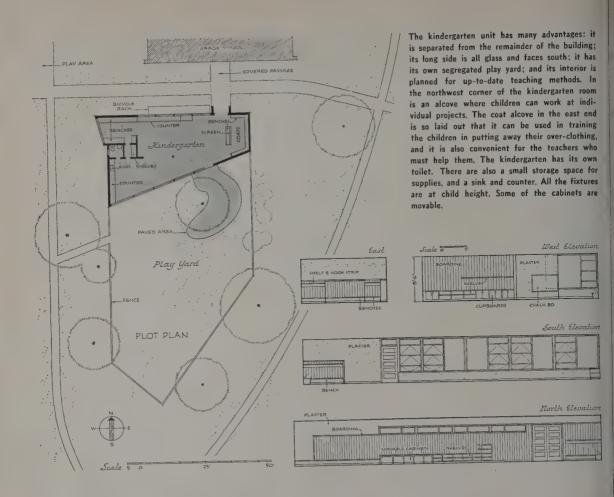


#### CENTER LINE CLASSROOMS



The section through the classroom wing of the building is a simple and direct translation of the essential design requirements. The use of a sloping ceiling to reflect light from the extremely high windows led directly to the sloping roof. The central corridor required light, so glass

block skylights were installed over it. Interior walls are of boarding applied vertically. Construction throughout is as simple as possible, requiring a minimum of essential metal. Floors are of asphalt tile applied directly to a concrete slab, which is supported on precast concrete joists.



## CENTER LINE SCHOOL-KINDERGARTEN UNIT



## NEW PENCIL POINTS DATA SHEETS

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#### STRUCTURAL INSULATING **BOARD STANDARDS**

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PENCIL POINTS DATA SHEETS PREPARED BY DON GRAF

In February 1941 the Insulation Board Institute, the members of which produce approximately 90 percent of the vegetable fiber type of structural insulating board, requested the Division of Simplified Practice, National Bureau of Standards, to make available its cooperative procedure for the establishment of a simplified practice recommendation for this product.

The proposed recommendation was submitted, for approval, to manufacturers, distributors, architects, contractors, and others interested in the product, and was accorded sufficient support to warrant its promulgation as Simplified Practice Recommendation R179-41.

Product	Sizes	Thicknesses	Edges <sup>1</sup>
Building Board®	4'-0" x 6'-0" 4'-0" x 7'-0" 4'-0" x 8'-0" 4'-0" x 9'-0" 4'-0" x 10'-0" 4'-0" x 12'-0"	1/2", 3/4", 1"	Square
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Lath	1'-4" x 4'-0" 1'-6" x 4'-0" 2'-0" x 4'-0"	1/2", 1"	Long edges fabri- cated
Roof insulation	1'-11" x 3'-11"	1/2",1",11/2",2"	Square edges on ½- inch thickness; square edges and/ or offset on 1-, 1½-, and 2-inch thicknesses.
Tileboard Panels	8" x 8" 12" x 12" 12" x 24" 16" x 16" 16" x 32"	1/2", 3/4", 1"	Fabricated edges.
Plank	8".10",12",16" 6', 8', 10', 12'	3/2"	Fabricated long edges.

<sup>1</sup> Fabricated edges refers to any type of edge treatment other than square edges, without reinforcement.

#### BLACKOUT MATERIALS

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#### A. Papers

- 1. Newspaper—6 layers bound together at edges—1 outer side painted black.
  2. Kraft brown wrapping paper—24" wide, 40 lb./1224 ft. One thickness painted black both sides.
  3. Blackout crepe paper—flameproof, Dennison Mfg. Co., 2 thick-

- 3. Blackout crepe paper—flameproof, Dennison Mfg. Co., 2 thicknesses.
  4. Special type of sisal kraft paper used in Blackout Shade Company of America product.
  5. Weatherproof black fiber paper, Clopay Corporation.
  6. Black roofing paper.
  7. Black paper representing opaque standard for windows, attached
  to British Standard APR14.
  8. Corrugated cardboard—if no light leaks into open edges.
  9. 14-ply Bainbridge show case board, 28"x 44" sheets, available in
  several colors, gray backed.

#### B. Window Shade Material

Oil painted, dark tan Vellmo 48, Columbia Mills. Oil painted dark green both sides, Vellmo color 5, Columbia

#### C. Fabrics

- Black felt.

  Ivory backed dull black oilcloth, 50" wide, 75¢ a yd.

  Black sateen, 50" wide, 75¢ a yd. 2 layers 93 x 133 threads to 22
- 14. Black sateen, 50" wide, 75¢ a yd. 2 layers 93 x 133 threads to NOV
  15. Dark brown sateen, 36" wide, 45¢ a yd., 2 layers, 67 x 102 threads to square inch.
  16. Black glosheen fabric, F. Schumacher Company—2 layers 36" wide, 89¢ a vd., 96 x 160 threads per square inch.
  17. Blackout fabric, M. F. Moran, 2 layers—36" wide, \$1.75 a yd., 43 x 110 threads per square inch with special filler treatment (only 1 layer is necessary if illumination of window does not exceed 200 footcandles).

#### D. Synthetic Wood Boards

- Three-ply, 1/4'' plywood, painted black on 1 side and edges. Masonite, 3/32'' and 1/8''. Press board, soft, 1/4''. Tekwood, 1/16''. Blackout panel, asphalt treated felt, Flintkote Co.

#### E. Film

- 23. Saf-T-Black synthetic film, General Tire and Rubber Co. This film (white on I side and dark gray on the other) is applied to the glass and would thus necessitate the use of artificial lighting in the daytime, Its eventual removal does not offer serious problems.
- Unquestionably this list is not all-inclusive of the absolutely safe blackout materials available. It pretends to list only those which proved best in tests on some 65 different materials which have been recommended. It was found, for example, that several layers of newspaper, dark-colored sateen draperies (indicating but 1 layer), and dark blankets were incapable of obscuring even 1 footcandle; that heavier steamer rugs, dark velvet or velour draperies, and small floor rugs became visible on the outside of the window when they were subjected to more than 5 footcandles.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Standard colors and finishes of building board are (1) natural board, and (2) one light-colored board; e.g., white, ivory, cream, or buff.



RESIDENCE FOR

#### VAHAN HAGOPIAN

#### ARCHITECT

The background and mode of life of the client have a definite influence on the development of a house plan. This is evidenced in the design of the house shown on this and the following pages. The owner is one of two Columbia University professors who, together, purchased a tract of land and had their homes planned at the same time, thus affecting economies through the simultaneous erection of the houses. The plans and elevations, as well as the general appearance of the homes, differed totally in spite of the identity of materials and of the architectural and construction details. This procedure also enabled the competing contractors to lower their bids about five percent if they were awarded the contracts for both houses at the same time. Thus, the savings were translated into added advantages of space, amenities, built-in conveniences and equipment commensurate with the cultural, intellectual, and social life of the occupants. As may be seen in the photographs (front elevation across-page, rear elevation below) the house is of standard frame construction, with ship-lapped, unpainted, cedar siding. The house has been oriented so that the shade of the trees cuts the sum in the summer. Terraces add to the informality of living. (Photos by Van Anda)

## DR. ROBERT M. MacIVER







In designing the house, the architect took advantage of the possibilities of orientation. All Master Rooms face the east, south, and west, with the exception of the Study which faces north for constant light. Extensive fenestration makes it possible to bring the outdoors into the house (note the plate glass, stationary picture windows). Terraces, accessible from every Bed Room (see plans above) allow the enjoyment of the out-of-doors. The relation of the Study to the rest of the house provides for seclusion when the Living Room and Dining Room are thrown open for entertainment.

At right is a detail of the entrance. All siding is Alberta cedar, unpainted, laid shiplap. The exterior trim is of pine. Across-page is a detail of the rear of the house, showing the terrace for the Master Bed Room, Below is shown a corner of the Living Room.





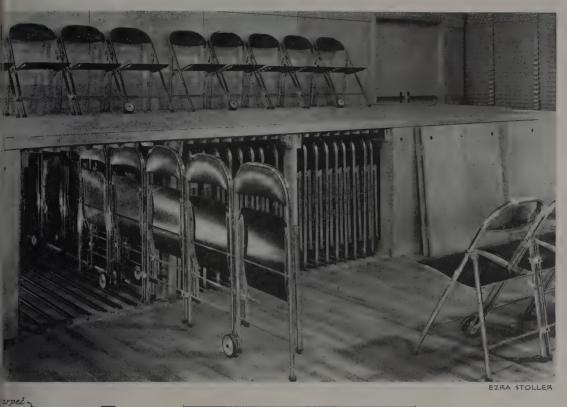


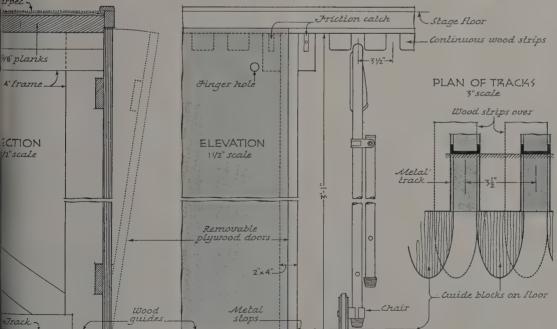
The Study (photograph above) provides seclusion from the rest of the house, especially when the Living Room and Dining Room are used for entertaining. Note the specially-designed lighting fixture above the window. Built-in furniture adds extra space in the Living Room (photograph below). All photographs were taken by George H. Van Anda

MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT
FOOTINGS Reinforced Concrete
FOUNDATION WALLS , Concrete Blocks
WATERPROOFING Integral waterproof cement plaster on concrete blocks (interior), asphalt on exterior
WALL CONSTRUCTION. Frame, with asphalt-coated Celotex sheathing; unpainted Alberta cedar siding on exterior. Pine trim
WALL INSULATION Reflective metallic insulation
ROOF 5-ply asphalt
TERRACES Colored cement (ground floor); Deck canvas (second floor)
FLOORS Basement (waterproof concrete); Frst and Second Floors (oak); K tchen (linoleum); Bathrooms and Halis asphalt tile over plywood)
WINDOWS Steel casement with bronze screens, DS A glass Stationary windows are black glass.

ELECTRICAL .... Special fixtures, fluorescent tubing HEATING .... Hot water, oil burner

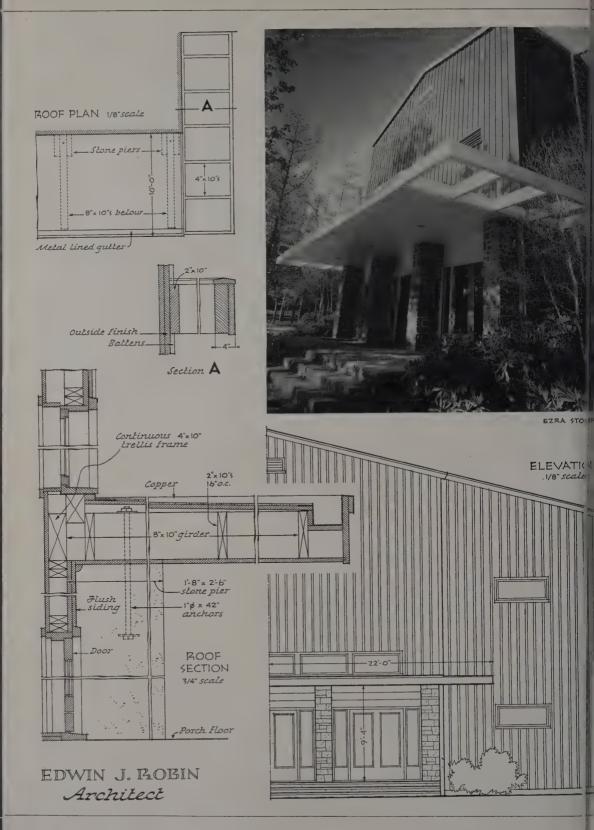






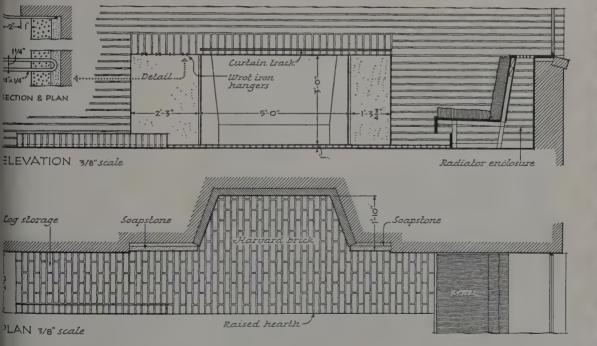
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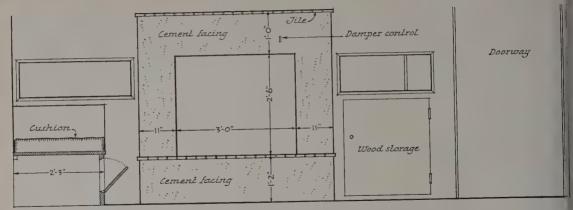


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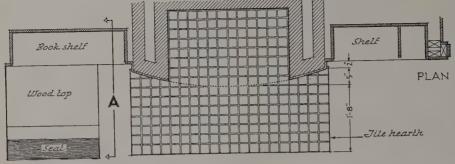


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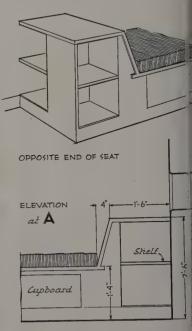


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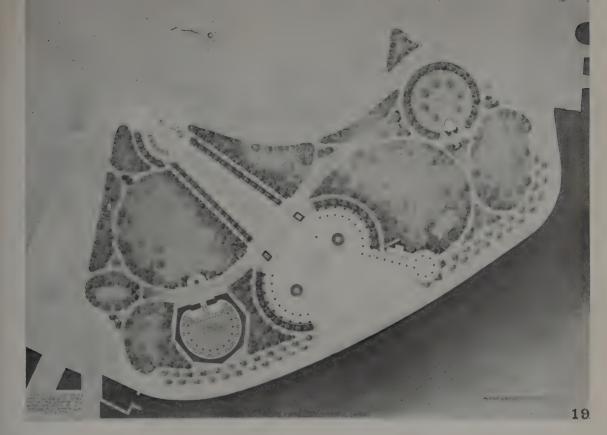


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### THE BATTERY PARK COMPETITION

TALBOT F. HAMLIN THE basic problems set by the design of Battery Park are simple. Such a park must be an effective foreground to the city, as seen from the bay, and an effective foreground for the magnificent view over the bay as seen from the city. Its other functions are subsidiary or fractional parts and applications of the larger ones. Thus, it should furnish ample seating and promenade space from which the bay view may be enjoyed; it must have pleasant, varied, and natural circulations from street to waterfront, and across from the ferry house to Battery Place; and it must provide a dignified and appropriate setting for Fort Clinton.

There is one other possible function which might affect the design: the possible use of part of the Battery as an official landing place for important city guests. This is an old histori-

ABOVE: This design won first prize of \$500 for Walter W. W. Jones, Brooklyn, N. Y., Architect, in the recently-concluded compe-Architect, in the recently-concluded competition sponsored by the Fine Arts Federation of New York for an "Alternative Design for the Development of Battery Park". (Photograph by Louis H. Dreyer.) The Fine Arts Federation competition was held without authorization from City Authorities and the program did not contain any implication that the design or services of the competition winner would be utilized by the City Authorities. The competition was held as "a contribution of the Fine Arts Federation to the furtherance of civic de-Federation to the furtherance of civic de-velopment and the preservation of historic structures." RIGHT: Department of Parks structures." RIGHT: Department of Parks photograph showing plan model of their design for a new Battery Park





More Fine Arts Federation competition winners. ABOVE: Second prize was awarded to the joint entry of the following architects: Philip Sanfilippo, Vito P. Battista, and David Davis. Honorable mentions were given to the designs submitted by the architectural firm of Delano & Aldrich (photograph in adjoining column), and Maud Sargent, Landscape Architect (design across-page). (Photographs of prize-winning designs by Louis H. Dreyer.)

cal function of this area, and several years ago, under the aegis of the Regional Plan Association, some sketches were made with this in mind and the Battery was studied as a monumental gate to the city. Few of the designers in the recent competition seem to have given this possibility much thought, though the designer of the First Prize drawing indicates steps in the sea wall at the main axis of the design.

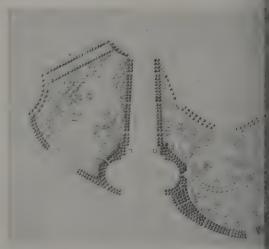
As a whole, the premiated designs show remarkably well many of the characteristics of present-day American park design. So did the published scheme of the Park Department, based on the destruction of Fort Clinton. In all there is apparent an attempt to combine formality with a certain amount of informal lawn and curving walk. In many, what results is not a combination: it is rather a confusion between the ideals of Le Notre and of Humphrey Repton, and almost all the competitors got into trouble trying to connect their serpentine walks with their formal plazas. In this respect probably the best is the Second Prize design, and No. 23 is the most confused.

Another difficulty contingent upon this confusion lies in the treatment of planting—the basic arrangement of lawn and walk and foliage masses. In the First Prize design, for instance, as in Design No. 11, the tree spotting seems, considered in three dimensions, almost meaningless. In Nos. 5 and 23, trees are massed to frame lawn areas of varying size and shape, with considerable success, especially in No. 5; No. 35 attempts more scattered and perhaps subtle effects, but the confusion of straight and curved paths and

their awkward connections confuse the result. Note, for instance, the handling of the large circular eastern area—treated like an avenue on one side, and planted irregularly elsewhere.

All the designs make much of lawn areas. I am no horticulturist, but I do have eves. and I have seen what happens to lawns in many city parks where usage is intensive. A tapis vert with brown holes in it is not pretty. And almost the only really successful lawns in city parks are those which by planning are carefully insulated from public use—like the lawn in the center of Bryant Park. But Battery Park lawns are, by the conditions of the site itself, bound to be traversed often, and though the suggestion that walks be laid out where the lawn was trampled might work on a college campus, for instance, where traffic is generally from door to door, and hence direct, in this case the traffic would be diffuse and the accidental resulting patterns would be visually meaningless.

In New York weather, and under conditions of intensive use such as the Battery receives on summer afternoons and evenings, lawns, it seems to me, should be used only where they may easily be protected by routing the traffic past them without forcing long



departures from the direct and natural line. In this respect no one of the competition drawings is perfect. No. 19, the First Prize, is perhaps the best; No. 5 is good in general until it reaches the Fort Clinton area, where it goes to pieces in aimless wandering and queer dead ends. As a whole the drawings seem to show a too great dependence on the paper shapes as shown on plan. And I think

this is true of a great deal of our contemporary park design. After all, people in a park are seldom conscious of the paper shapes; they are conscious of the changing views a path stroll brings them, and of the directness or efficiency of a path in getting them where they are going. From the standpoint of what is in front and around on the paths I feel that No. 23 is the best by far; on any of the paths one would constantly be conscious of little accents or changes to invite one along the way. From the point of view of efficiency No. 19 is superior, though there is confusion and loss of real scale in the bunching of nearly parallel curved walks close to State Street at its eastern end.

All the premiated competitors chose to accent the Broadway axis, and this seems logical and sound. All consequently got into the difficult problem of the "off angle" of the axis and the sea wall. It is a difficult, but not an insoluble, problem which designers frequently face even in buildings. But this problem is so integral with others, such as the use of the shore front, that an analysis of the designs one by one seems the only way to handle it.

The First Prize design, as we have already seen, has many virtues of simplicity and directness. Its handling of Fort Clinton, placed in a polygonal moat surrounded by a walk, is appropriate and effective. The designer has also seen the necessity of emphasizing the waterfront with a promenade on two levels, emphasized by a double row of trees. Staggering the trees, however, is questionable in a case like this; it would spread their shade, to be sure, but it would also close the sense of view too completely. The choice of making the center of the axis a lawn is also excellent, and the framing of the view along the main axis in either direction by two tall ventilating shafts would be as effective in reality as on paper. Nevertheless, the oval at the Bowling Green end seems pure paper architecture; to expect the pattern to hold across the rectangular subway entrance is absurd, and the row of trees which balances the kiosk would merely serve to throw the whole still more out of real visual balance.

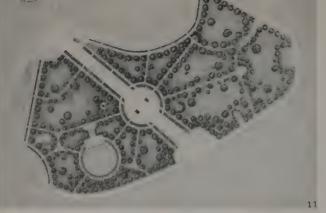
But it is in the attempt to relate the axis to the shore line that this design seems to me most questionable. The shelter shown is out of scale, and to expect its eastern side in any way to balance the western, or to produce anything but visual confusion despite hemicycles and fountains and rich pavement, is a hope that reality would show completely unfounded. This is especially so because the plaza is so wide, the balancing curves so far apart; compare their size, for instance, with the whole size of the Custom House—no tiny building! The doubled path curving outside the shelters seems artificial too, placed there to give light and shade on the plan, and not for passage, and the whole



intersection of this central element with the shore promenade is awkward and ugly.

No. 23, the Second Prize design, solves these problems with much greater directness. The Bowling Green end of the main axis is handled with a more becoming simplicity, and the frank handling of the shore end is both more realistic and more effective. Yet even here the desire for some sort of paper symmetry has muddied the clarity of the pattern, and the balance of trees on the lower level across the axis is meaningless. How much better to have carried the paired trees of the shore side promenade a little further and ended the promenade simply by broad steps on either side.

Particularly impressive in this design is the careful handling of details, the attractive and meaningful disposition of the existing monuments in the park, and the generally ample vet human scale of the formal portions. With all these merits, it is all the more unfortunate that it is seriously compromised by the single great ventilating shaft on the main axis, closing and complicating the view in both directions! With the memory of the way the colossal statue of Washington effectually wrecked the main axis of the New



Harry Leslie Walker, Architect, New York, won an honorable mention for this design, submitted in the Fine Arts Federation competition. (Photograph by Louis H. Dreyer.)

York World's Fair, it is discouraging to come upon the same error again, with perhaps even less reason. Was it not for this, No. 23 would be, of all the designs, the one I prefer.

Design No. 5, an Honorable Mention, is possibly the most knowing of all in the handling of lawn, small path, and trees, as one might expect from the fact that it was designed by a landscape architect. Like No. 19, it sets Fort Clinton in a moat, but the moat has no walk around it and there are few places from which the fort could be effectively seen. The design suffers, too. from a failure to make the most of the waterfront. In its handling of main axis and shore front it is perhaps the most unrealistic of all. for the angle normal to the sea wall is so sharply accented by plaque, steps, flagpoles. planting, and pool that the sudden change to the other angle would be only a shock.

No. 11, another Honorable Mention design, provides perhaps the simplest of all the solutions of the axis-shore-angle problem, but its wide paved areas would be blinding in summer and bleak in winter. It seems to be designed, too, to hide Fort Clinton as much as possible from the rest of the park, and the geometry of its minor paths I cannot, frankly, see the reason for. They seem to make getting anywhere—except to the central circle—difficult rather than easy, and to take little account of actual views or the beauty of the bay.

The other Honorable Mention design, No. 35, has the virtue of being the largest in conception, the firmest in basic pattern, of all those shown. It sacrifices everything to one purpose—the connection of city and bay. Fort Clinton is visible from Bowling Green—but why foundation planting, that curse of American landscaping, around Fort Clinton?

Could anything be less appropriate? A continuous band of trees along the shore promises views over the bay from shady seats. The entrance to the major axis from the city is big, simple, and fine, and the framing of the main axis by double rather than single rows of trees is sound and in the grand manner. Moreover, the handling of the angle of the axis with the shore is competent and sophisticated, and would be effective. But it seems to me there is one basic error in the whole which renders the entire design completely unrealistic—the problem of scale. Battery Park has many uses besides the perhaps occasional one of being a processional way, and for any other use than that of great fetes or parades the vast paved areas of this design would be only oppressive and inhuman, and the great rectangular plaza with its curved ends would be, most of the time. only a glaring and sunbaked loneliness-a place a person would hurry through and away from. The plan is an intellectual abstraction, whereas even Le Notre's plans. however huge, are real.

There is thus not a single one of these premiated plans which I should like to see executed as it stands. With all its virtues the First Prize is full of unrealistic elements which, if built, would not give the effects that the plan indicates. The Second Prize blocks its main axis. And so on and so on. Yet out of them all, by plucking ideas here and there, another design might arise which would preserve the waterfront promenade and shaded seats of Nos. 19, 23, 35; the dignity, human scale, and directness of No. 23: the firm definiteness of No. 35: and the excellent handling of Fort Clinton and the general circulation of No. 19. But, before such a plan could arise, the designer would have to realize the difficulty, if not the impossibility, of combining Repton with Le Notre. He would have to see that the problem of the modern city park is new-one that neither of these great designers ever faced-and that it is futile to look for solutions along the lines they followed. He must start again. That was done in what strikes me as New York's most successful parks— Bryant Park, with its simply patterned formality, and Fort Tryon Park, with its attractive tree-shaded, graveled esplanade with shaded benches overlooking the Hudson. And that fresh approach must be the basis for any successful Battery Park.

### STORE FRONTS OF TOMORROW

### NEW PENCIL POINTS— KAWNEER COMPETITION

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AWARDS. Reinhold Publishing Corporation will pay immediately after the Judgment the following prizes in cash for the best designs.

Five honorable mentions, each • • • The Kawneer Company, in addition, may purchase any of the unpremiated submissions for \$100 each.

### **JUDGES**

Reinhold Publishing Corporation, The Kawneer Company, and the Competitors agree that the Judges' decision shall be final.

All architects, designers, draftsmen, engineers, and students are eligible to compete, with the exception of employees of The Kawneer Company and Reinhold Publishing Corporation.

Under a ruling by the AIA Committee on Competitions, Institute members are authorized to enter this competition.

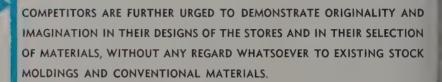
Competition closes at 5 P.M., January 4, 1943.

### PROBLEM

### GENERAL

The design of a group of five stores, not in terms of today's knowledge or conditions, but in terms of "after the war" knowledge and conditions. These stores shall be either part of a block in the shopping area of an American city or part of a shopping center in an outlying residential district. They are intended to serve people of low and average incomes, and must be reasonable in cost of both construction and maintenance.

Competitors are urged to base their designs on the use of new as well as of old materials or of new applica-



The requirements of the competition are such that in fairness to all competitors no questions should be sent nor will any questions be answered regarding them.

### ALL THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MANDATORY

### REQUIREMENTS

The five stores shall be (a) A DRUG STORE; (b) AN APPAREL STORE (either men's or women's apparel, shoes, hats, or accessories); (c) A GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORE (such as a small chain department store); (d) A RESTAURANT; (e) A FOOD STORE selling groceries, meats, etc.

The five stores are located on the North side of an East-West street, on level ground. The drug store is on the East corner of the store block, the other stores are adjoining it in any sequence the competitors determine

Respective frontages are as follows: (a) 30'; (b) 20'; (c) 25'; (d) 25'; (e) 20'. Clear height for all stores is 12'-0". The building of which the five stores are a part is either 1 or 2 stories high. In either case, the height of the store front is not restricted. Show windows shall not extend beyond the building line; signs shall not project more than 3'-0" beyond the building line, nor less than 10'-0" above the sidewalk. Awnings shall not be less than 8'-0" above the sidewalk. The width of the sidewalk is 15'-0".

### **DRAWINGS**

All drawings shall be undiluted black ink only, except as otherwise indicated. They shall be on stiff white cardboard or on transparent or opaque white paper, mounted. The size of the board shall be 26" x 36". One inch wide clear margin must be provided all around, but without any border line.

The board shall be composed with its short dimension horizontal, and the title—"Store Fronts of Tomorrow, New Pencil Points-Kawneer 1943 Competition"—made of  $\frac{1}{2}$ " high letters at the bottom. No lettering or numerals shall be less than  $\frac{3}{16}$ " high.

PLAN of the five stores shall be at 1/8"=1'-0" scale. It shall show only the show windows and doors and shall not extend beyond a distance of 25'-0" from the building line into the stores.



TWO ELEVATIONS shall be at  $\frac{1}{4}$ "=1'-0" scale, one to be a front elevation of the five stores and the other the first 25 feet of the side elevation of the corner store. These elevations shall be in color, in any suitable medium, and shall show cast shadows, one human figure, and one tree.



PERSPECTIVE of any one of the five stores so laid out that heights may be measured on the center line of that store front, at ½"=1'-0" scale. Perspective shall also be in color, with one human figure but without tree.



SECTIONS of that store illustrated by the perspective shall be at 3"=1'-0" scale. They shall show all relevant details. One is to be a broken vertical section from sidewalk to top of store front and from building line to back of show window, including sash, glass, awning box, transom bar (if any), show window lighting, blocking and structural members; and the other to be a broken horizontal section through show window and door jambs.

All materials must be properly noted on the Sections.



FULL SIZE DETAILS. One to be at sill to show glass, glass setting, bulkhead and blocking, and also application of facing material. The other(s) to show trim members such as coping, awning box, etc.

All materials must be properly noted on the Full Size Details.



DESCRIPTION. Competitors are free to choose any and all materials, either from those available today or from those expected to be available in the future. Competitors shall list and describe the materials they select, state their reasons for choosing them, and make any other suitable comment.

This description shall be typed on one page,  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11", pasted on the back of the board and shall not exceed 300 words.

No other drawings than those enumerated above will be required in order to be eligible for an award.

ANONYMITY OF DRAWINGS. A plain, opaque, sealed envelope containing a slip bearing name, address, and title (architect, designer, draftsman, engineer, or student) of competitors must be secured with two strips of Scotch Tape to the back of each board, where it will remain until the awards have been made. At that time the envelope will be opened by the Professional Adviser in the presence of the Jury.

Each competitor may enter more than one submission either individually or as a member of a group.

JUDGMENT will be made January 13th, 14th, 15th, 1943.

Announcements of awards will be wired to each winner; each competitor will receive by mail the names of such prize winners. All premiated designs and the full report of the Jury will be published in the February issue of The New Pencil Points.

DELIVERY OF DRAWINGS. In order to make it possible for men in military service to enter the competition it will remain open for three months instead of the usual two. Drawings shall be wrapped flat, and addressed to William Lescaze, Professional Adviser, New Pencil Points-Kawneer 1943 Competition, 330 West 42nd Street, New York, N. Y. No other markings shall be on the wrapper. Packages must be delivered at that address or handed to any post office at any time before, but not later than, 5 P.M. on the evening of

### **JANUARY 4, 1943**

Drawings submitted in this competition are at the competitor's risk. Reasonable care will be exercised, however, in their handling, safe-keeping, and packaging for return.

AGREEMENT. All competitors agree that Reinhold Publishing Corporation and The Kawneer Company alone have the right to exhibit or publish any or all submissions; both companies agree to give in such case full and clear credit to each competitor.

All campetitors further agree that the submissions winning either prizes or honorable mentions become the property of Reinhold Publishing Corporation. Other submissions shall be returned to their respective authors within a reasonable time, postage and \$50.00 insurance prepaid.



### TECHNIQUE USED

The bricks in shadow were drawn with HB and B degrees, while the bricks in sunshine were blocked in with a 5H Typhonite Eldorado. The tree trunk and lantern were given foreground relief with 4B and 5B pencils.

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### HOUSING HOT SPOT

The tabulation below, adapted from a table which appeared in the Portland, Oregon, "Oregonian" for October 18, shows the increase in population for which housing is being provided in the Portland area. However, it does not show the total increase in population; the Portland Housing Authority, through its chairman, C. M. Gartrell, said that the stupendous totals shown here are by no means enough, that another 27,000 units, worth some \$40,750,000, are needed to meet requirements.

Add to the more than a hundred thousand new inhabitants, so far provided for, the 60 thousand or so anticipated shortly, and the population increase promises to reach—even to exceed—180,000. What are the cities of the Portland area able to do for these new citizens?

Not much, according to correspondents in Portland, Site

planning and construction are reputedly poor; costs are said to be excessive. The only commendable item to date is apparently speed; some units have been occupied within 30 days of the go-ahead order.

To further confound such confusion as this, the War Production Board has just further restricted the building of schools, community centers and similar facilities, along with all other types of buildings. What is going to happen to such a mushroom community as "Kaiserville," which is planned for 40,000 people—a full-fledged city within a city? Where will its children go to school? Where will be its doctors' offices? What will happen if an epidemic strikes? Mr. Kaiser's policies are to be commended if they give us ships quickly. But such a housing situation is not desirable, even temporarily.

### PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE PORTLAND, OREGON, AREA - 1942

Location and Name	No. Units	Туре	No.* Workers	Total† No. Persons	Const. Started	Const. Cost	Probable Completion	Architects
PORTLAND								
Columbia Villa	400	Permanent Houses	572	1,200	May 5	\$1,312,000	Nov. 30	Stanton & Johnston
St. Johns Woods	967	Temporary Houses	1,328	3,000	May 28	3,220,000	Nov. 25	Lawrence, Holford & Allen
Parkside Homes	260	Temporary Houses	371	780	May 21	871,140	Nov. 15	Johnson, Wallwork & Dukehart
Guild's Lake Ct.	358	Temporary Houses	511	1,074	May 14	1,092,443	Nov. 10	Whitehouse & Church
HudsonSt.Homes	118	Temporary Houses	168	354	May 21	355,000	Nov. 6	Herzog & Tucker
Fir Court	72	Temporary Houses	102	216	May 21	235,500	Nov. 6	Barrett & Logan
Gartrell Units	725	Temporary Houses	1,036	2,175	May 7‡	Estimated 1,700,000	Nov. 15	(see below)
Univ. Homes	2,000	Temporary Apts.	2,860	4,500	July 6	Estimated 4,500,000	Oct. 20	A. E. Doyle & Assoc.
Dekum Ct.	85	Permanent Houses	121	255		265,000		Narramore & Associ
Kaiserville	9,280	Temporary Apts.	13,270	40,000	Sept. 14	25,000,000		Wolff & Phillips
Mt. View Ct.	100	Trailers	143	300	Aug. 8	166,188		_
CLACKAMAS								
Kellogg Pk.	600	Temporary Houses	858	1,800	June 4	1,756;000	200 on Nov. 15 200 on Dec. 1 200 on Dec. 15	Stokes & Jacobberger
Hillside Pk.	100	Permanent Houses	143	300	Nov. 1941	295,000	Complete	Roi L. Morin
Clackamas Hts.	100	Permanent Houses	143	300	Jan. 26	235,000	Complete	Roi L. Morin
VANCOUVER						_		
Hudson House	4.000	Temp. Dormitories	5.720	5,720	_	Approx. 4,500,000	Completed in 50 days	Wolff & Phillips
McLoughlin Hts.	4.000	Demountable Houses	5,720	12,000	Apr. 27	16,463,600	Oct. 25	(see below)
Ogden Meadows	2,000	Temp. War Apts.	2,860	6,976	July 1	4,863,000	50 due by Aug. 17	Wolff & Phillips
McLoughlin Hts.	500	Permanent Houses	715	1,500	Aug. 3)			
Fruit Valley	300	Permanent Houses	429	900	Aug. 3	3,724,000	Dec. 3	Stewart & Hilburn
4th Plain	200	Permanent Houses	280	600	Aug. 3	,		
Not named	4,800	Temporary Apts.	6,864	14,400	not started	10,800,000	-	A. E. Doyle & Assoc.
Not named	1,200	" Row Houses	1,716	3,600	not started	2,500,000		(see below)
Not named	1,000	Dormitories	1,430	3,000	not started	2,250,000		Wolff & Phillips
Not named Adm. Center	386	" Row Houses (see below)	839	1,758	not started Oct. 20	1,318,500 350,000	Dec. 20	Roi L. Morin
Adm. Cemer		(see pelow)			Oct. 20	330,000	Dec. 20	KOLL. MOTIII
TOTALS	33,751		48,199	106,708		\$87,772,371		

### NOTES

Administration Center includes Office Building, Community House, Clinic, 20-acre Playground, Maintenance Shops, and Fire Station.

ARCHITECTS — Gartrell Units: Margaret Fritsch, Richard Sundeleaf, Dougen & Heims, Herman Brockman, R. D. Kennedy, Wade Pipes; McLoughlin Heights: A. E. Doyle & Associates, Roi L. Morin, Day Hilburn, and Don Stewart; Unnamed Project: Stanton & Johnston, Day Hilburn.

\*Based on Federal estimates of 1.43 workers per unit (including sons, roomers, relatives, etc.)

†Based on Federal estimates of 3 persons to each worker's family.

‡First 13 units started on May 7; others started as contracts awarded.



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### BOOKS and PERIODICALS

THE ROMBED BUILDINGS OF BRITAIN, edited by J. M. Richards, with notes by John Summerson. (140 pages, 8 1/4 " x 11 1/4 ". illustrated. \$3.75. The Architectural Press, Ltd., 45 The Avenue, Cheam, Surrey, England.)

This book, unlike many others which illustrate air raid scenes, puts on permanent record the damage done in the now historic blitzes of 1940-1941 to notable buildings throughout England. The lost architectural masterpieces of Britain are systematically illustrated, from little-known churches to Wren's city churches; from fine Georgian houses in Hull, Plymouth, and Coventry to the House of Commons.

The book is replete with photographs (taken after the bombings) accompanied by notes about the architectural character and history of each building, as well as a series of small prints and engravings in their original state, so that the whole forms an informative summary of the different phases of English architecture.

The book is divided into nine sections. The first is given to London: the six shorter sections that follow it to the provincial cities (Bristol and Clifton, Coventry, Portsmouth, Plymouth, Manchester, Liverpool) that suffered most severely. A section is devoted to other cities collectively where architectural losses have not been so great as to warrant their being given a separate section each. The final section is devoted to damage done outside the big cities. Within each section the buildings are grouped first according to type (churches, public building, domestic, etc.) and then, as far as possible, in order of date.

THE OLD BAY PATHS, by George Francis Marlow, with photographs by Samuel Chamberlain. (\$2, 126 pages, maps, 5 ½ " x 8 1/4 ". Hastings House, 67 W. 44th St., New York.)

The historic network of highways between Boston and Hartford, known as the Bay Paths, has seen the throes of struggle between the early settlers, Indians, colonists and the British, and the evolution of the tasteful living of New England culture. Parts of the old Indian trails which became the original Bay Paths are now broad, concrete highways; parts are old gravel roads, still undefiled by oil or tarvia; other parts are abandoned wood roads; still others are known but to the veteran hiker. The lover of early New England history will find this charming little volume a guide to all of them.

Mr. Marlow's understanding text and Samuel Chamberlain's fifty-two magnificent photographs picture some of the historic landmarks which still survive along the course of these old Bay Paths, and take the reader along forgotten byways, recapturing the placid and charming background of a stirring past.

SILK SCREEN COLOR PRINTING, by Harry Sternberg. (\$2.50, 78 pages, illustrated, two color plates. McGraw-Hill Book Co. 330 W. 42nd St., New York)

The recent publication of a work book on silk screen color printing should be most welcome to those who would like to experiment with this new process. Harry Sternberg, the author, is well qualified to present this new print technique, as he has been closely identified with its growth from the very beginning.

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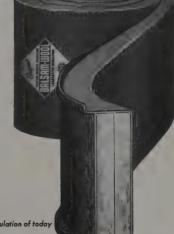
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These basic essentials with which to work are followed by a final step-bystep demonstration of how an artist may create his own interpretations through this method. Along with the publication of the book comes recognition of this new medium's value from such sources as museums, artists, and art educators. The name serigraph (seri-meaning silk: graph—to draw) distinguishes silk screen color printing from other printing processes. It was suggested by Carl Zigrosser, who arranged the first public showing of the prints. R.W.N.

### PERIODICALS

### UNITED STATES

### THE AMERICAN CITY

Of significance in the September issue are several articles on city replanning. Rochester and Buffalo, N. Y., and San Francisco activities are sumarized. Legal difficulties under the New Jersey "Master Plan" are discussed.

### ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER

In this well-rounded issue (September) are a presentation of a new Los Angeles housing project, a discussion of wartime changes in design methods, a report on the status of architectural scholarship as reflected by Columbia University's library, a description of the Washington, D. C., airport, and several minor articles. In his discussion of architectural and structural design, Antonin Heythum points to the use of 'cutaway'' drawings to supplement plans, sections, and elevations, as an example of changing techniques made necessary by the use of unskilled labor, unfamiliar with blueprints, on war projects.

### CALIFORNIA ARTS AND ARCHITECTURE

Perhaps nowhere else in the country has so much public acclaim been given designers who dare to be free as on our West Coast. The September issue seems, again, to present the best work of the best modernists in a stimulating manner. Another Saarinen—Lil-

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### NEWS

### PRINCETON PLANNING SURVEY

The Bureau of Urban Research, Princeton University, recently released the results of its first nationwide survey of American cities and city planning, in which urbanites expressed their opinions about city improvement. The outstanding problems facing cities, points out the survey, are the lack of good, reasonably-priced housing, transportation, traffic congestion, local wartime problems, lack of employment opportunity, and the inadequacy or dishonesty of municipal governments.

### CITY PLANNING COURSE

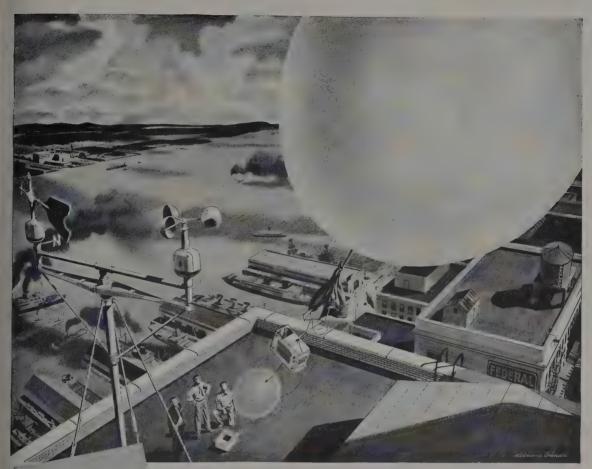
A city planning course in which students will plan a transportation center for the town of Syosset, Long Island, under the guidance of the engineering, architecture, and social science faculties, has started at Cooper Union, New York, under the direction of Dr. Edwin S. Burdell. Architectural and engineering students will pool their knowledge in an attempt to solve the problem created by an influx of war workers into Syosset, where rail, bus, and car lines are widely separated.

### MASSACHUSETTS REGISTRATION

Of the estimated 1200 eligible architects in Massachusetts, approximately 300 have registered to date with the State Board of Registration of Architects, according to John T. Whitmore, chairman of the Board.

Independent architects with five years of practical experience may register without an examination. Persons having eight or more years of experience in the office of a practising architect may register after an oral examination by the Board. Recipients of degrees from accredited architectural schools may register after three years of practical experience.

After January 1, all architects must take a written examination before registration is accepted.



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### THE FIRST FIVE YEARS OF PEACE

may be tough for some towns and cities

prospect of a decentralization of industry and housing intrudes upon the thought of anyone who contemplates the physical and financial situation which confronts many towns and cities. Both industry and housing have a common stake in decentralization. The solution of industry's problem may bring the solution of the housing problem. In the post-victory period industry and housing may find it feasible to work together to further a movement away from urban centers into localities of decentralized industry, living, and employment.

Decentralization of industry and housing may compel the replanning and rebuilding of urban centers of population from which this movement may emanate. And, decentralization will present opportunities to smaller towns and cities for which they must immediately prepare if they are to become the benefactors of this process. The need is for research and planning by all sizes of cities and towns. Is it not logical to prepare now to attain the things for which we fight a war? Winning the peace may depend upon how well we prepare now to meet the conditions of peace. The

time may be short. The first five years of peace may be tou-

Research and planning for the rebuilding of a town or crequires trained talent such as architects and engineers at professional town and city planners. The specific task is lessen the number of "ghost towns" in the post-victory perior Replanning must include practically everything related the physical and financial makeup of a town or city. Amounthe many sources from which factual information on the subjects may be obtained are these: National Resources Planing Board, National Planning Association, American Societ of Planning Officials, Federal Housing Administratic Federal Works Agency, and many others.

Many cities and towns are already engaged in researchin organizing, and planning the future town and city. The experience provides guidance for all those who are now reato undertake this work or enlarge upon work already uncway. A phase of this work of growing importance is how organize it so that government agencies, private indust and organized labor may cooperate and produce a post-w





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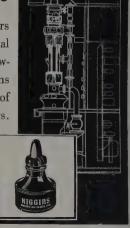
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### PRATT COURSES

The Department of Architecture at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y., will continue this year to offer free government courses in aerial bombardment protection under the war training program of the U.S. Office of Education. The new lecture series started November 10.

### DRAFTING COURSE

A course in topographic drafting, to prepare qualified men and women especially for service with the National Defense Mapping program, opened at Columbia University, New York, on November 10. Minimum requirements are graduation from high school with two years of mathematics. Preference was given to applicants with experience in drafting or art, and to those with college training.

### **ASA STANDARDS**

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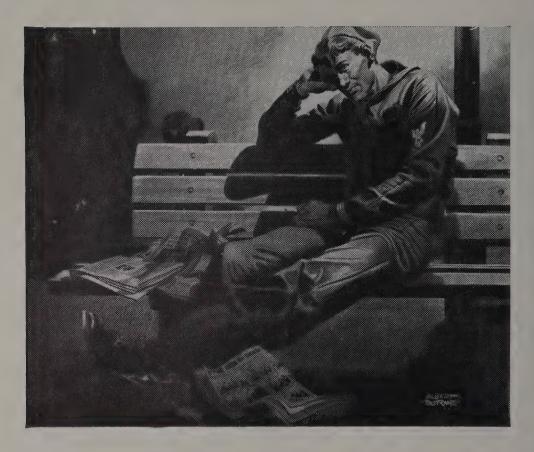
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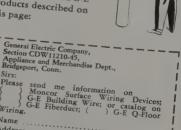
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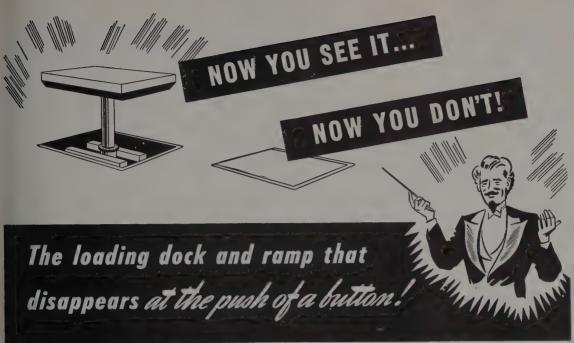
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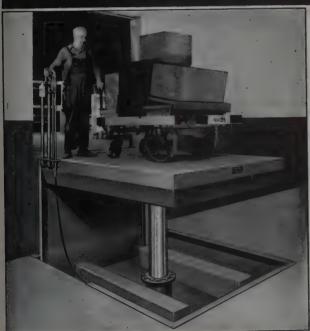
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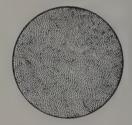
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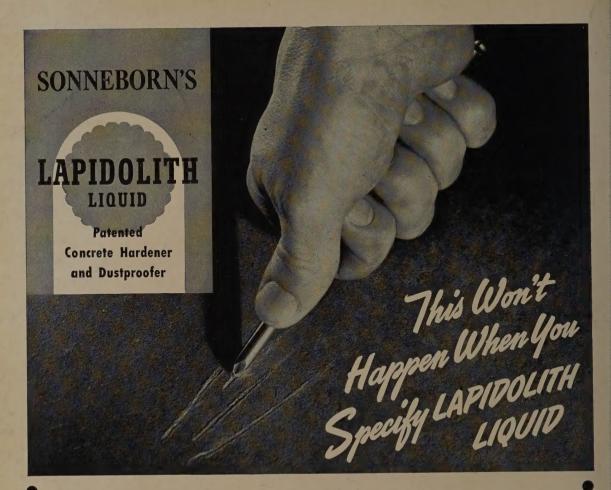
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